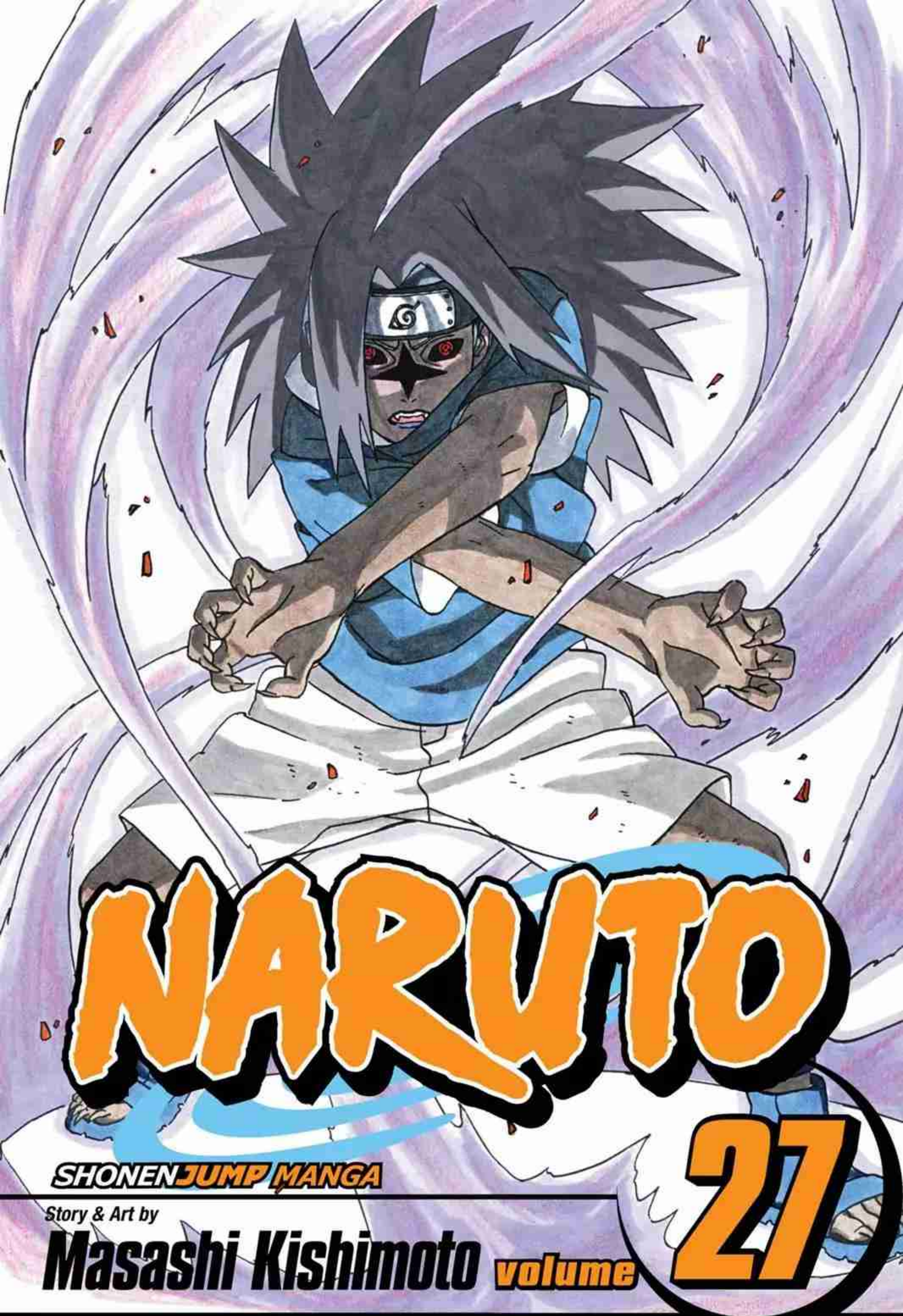
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Perhaps it seems abrupt, but it felt right to end part one with this volume. The next book will begin part two. In a sense, though, I don't think *Naruto* needs to be broken up into parts... Anyway, stay with me, folks!

—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2005*

岸本斉史

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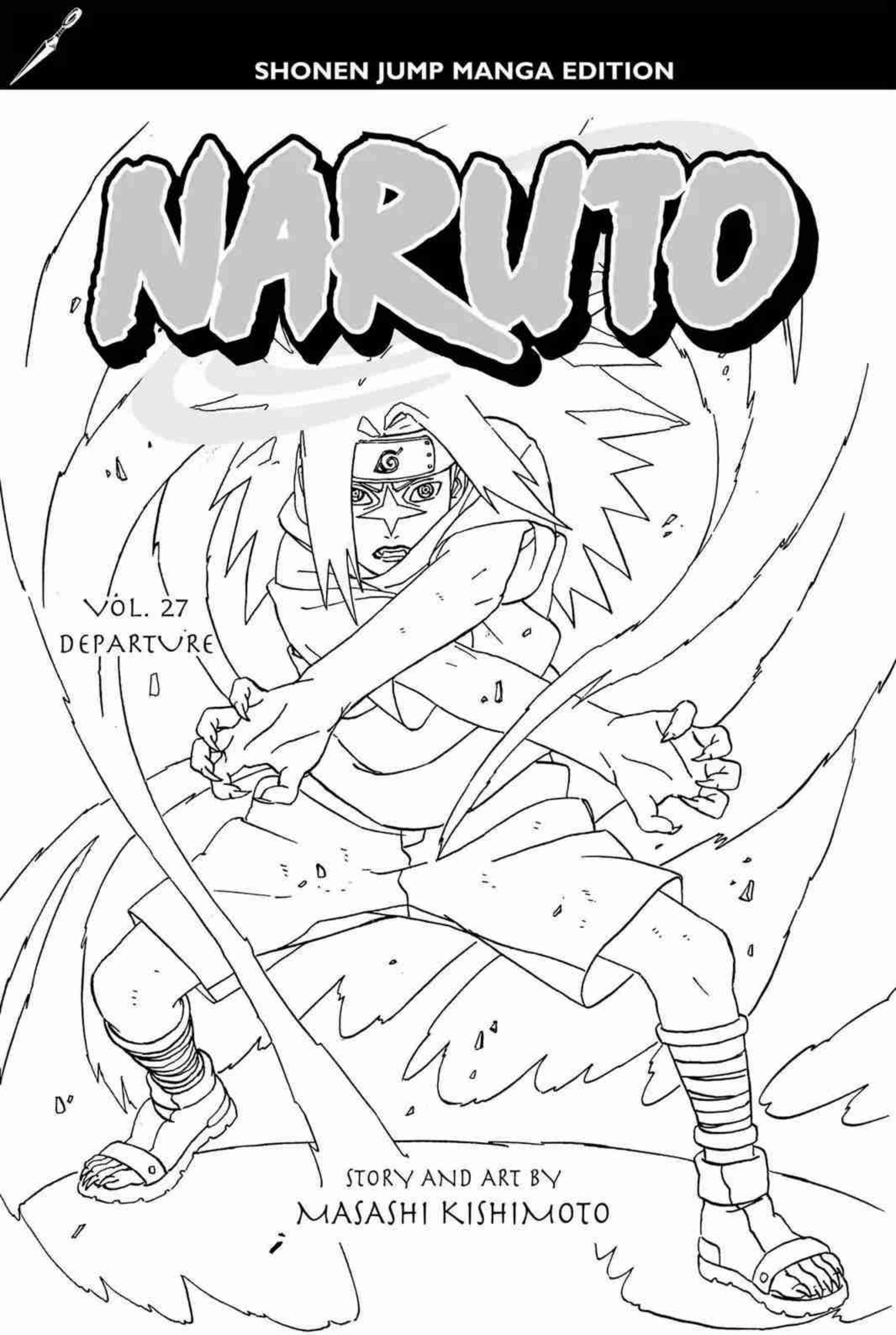

CHARACTERS

Kakashi's Master

Tsunade

Jiraiya

Rin

Kakashi

Obito

The Story So Far...

Twelve years ago a destructive nine-tailed fox spirit attacked the ninja village of Konohagakure. The Hokage, or village champion, defeated the fox by sealing its soul into the body of a baby boy. That boy is Naruto, once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy. Despite the rough start, he and his friends, Sasuke and Sakura, successfully join the ranks of the ninja.

During the Chûnin Selection Exams, they are attacked by Orochimaru, who vanishes only after he places a curse mark on Sasuke. Halfway through the third exam, however, Orochimaru and his henchmen launch *Operation Destroy Konoha!* The attack is thwarted when the Third Hokage sacrifices his life. After a deadly battle with Orochimaru, Tsunade becomes the Fifth Hokage.

Lured by the power of Orochimaru, Sasuke departs Konoha in the company of the Sound Four. In pursuit of Sasuke, Shikamaru and his team weather desperate battles. Naruto clashes violently with Sasuke but he fails to stop his friend...

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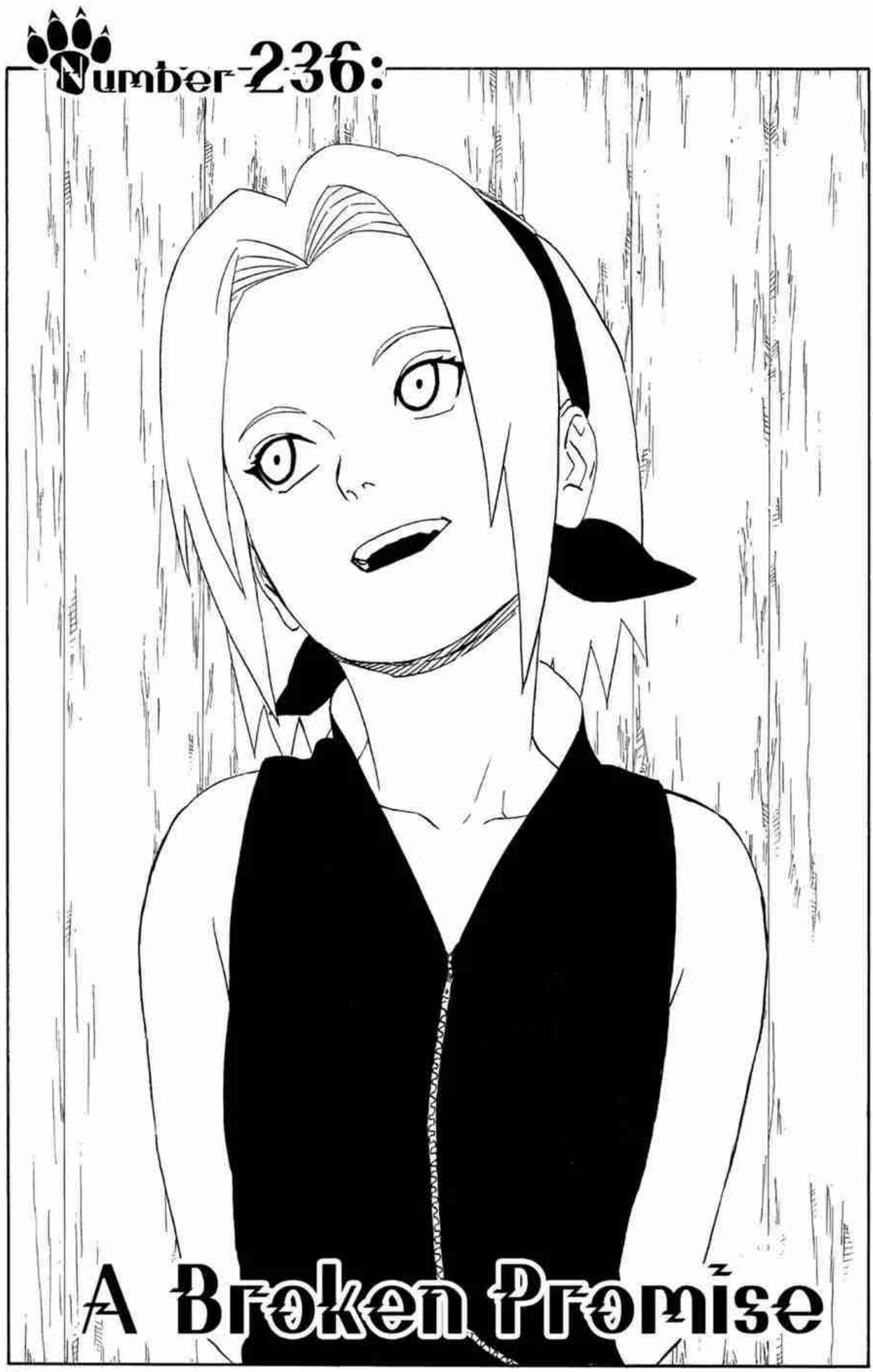
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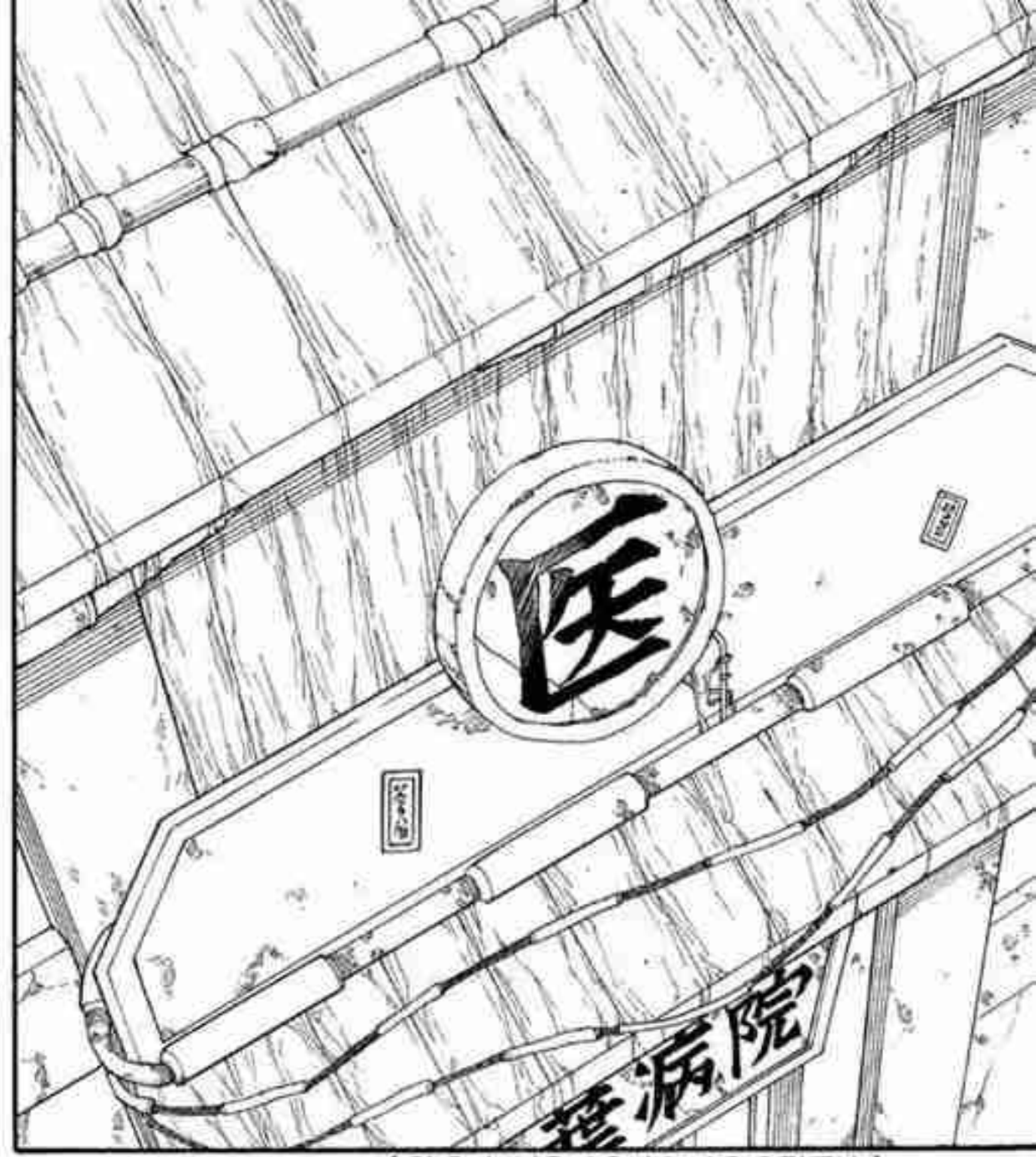
A Broken Promise



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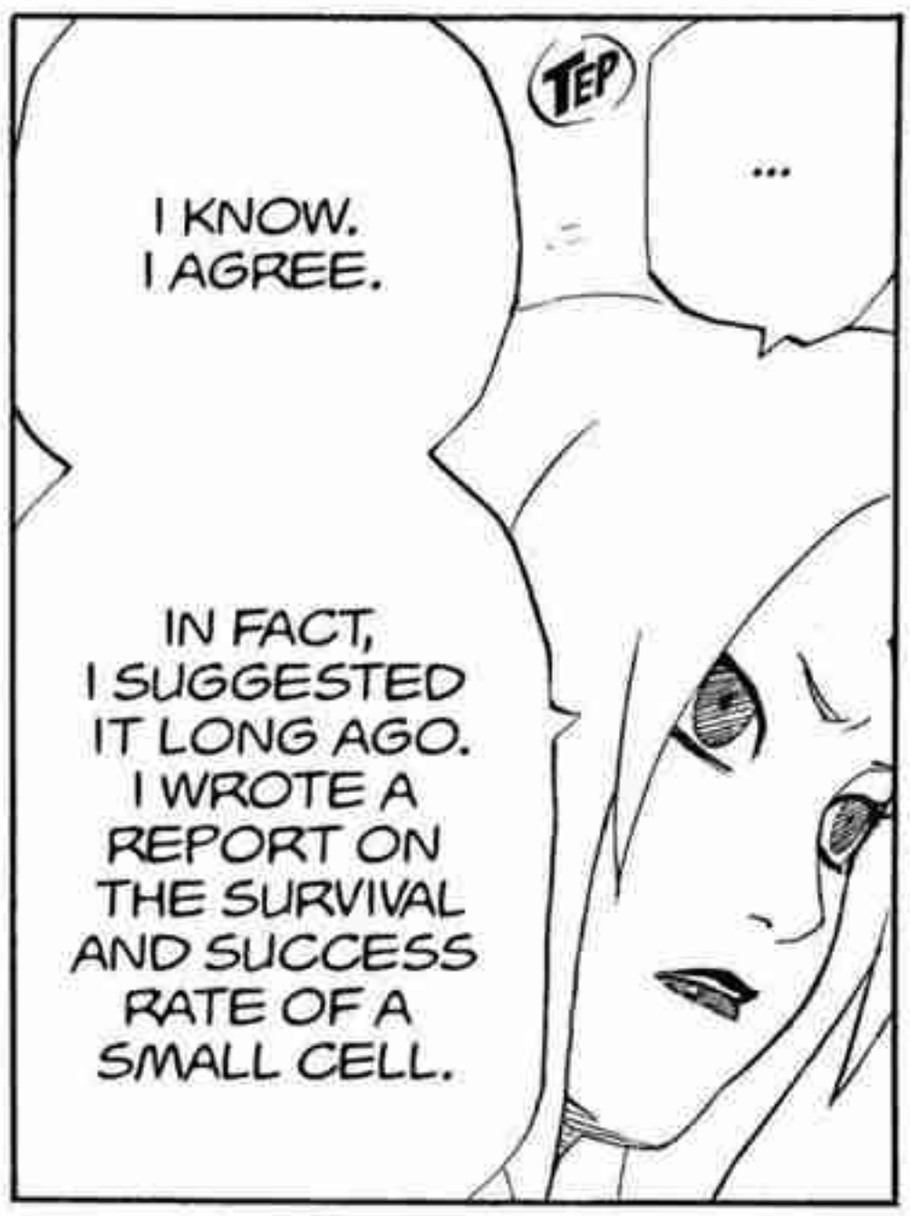
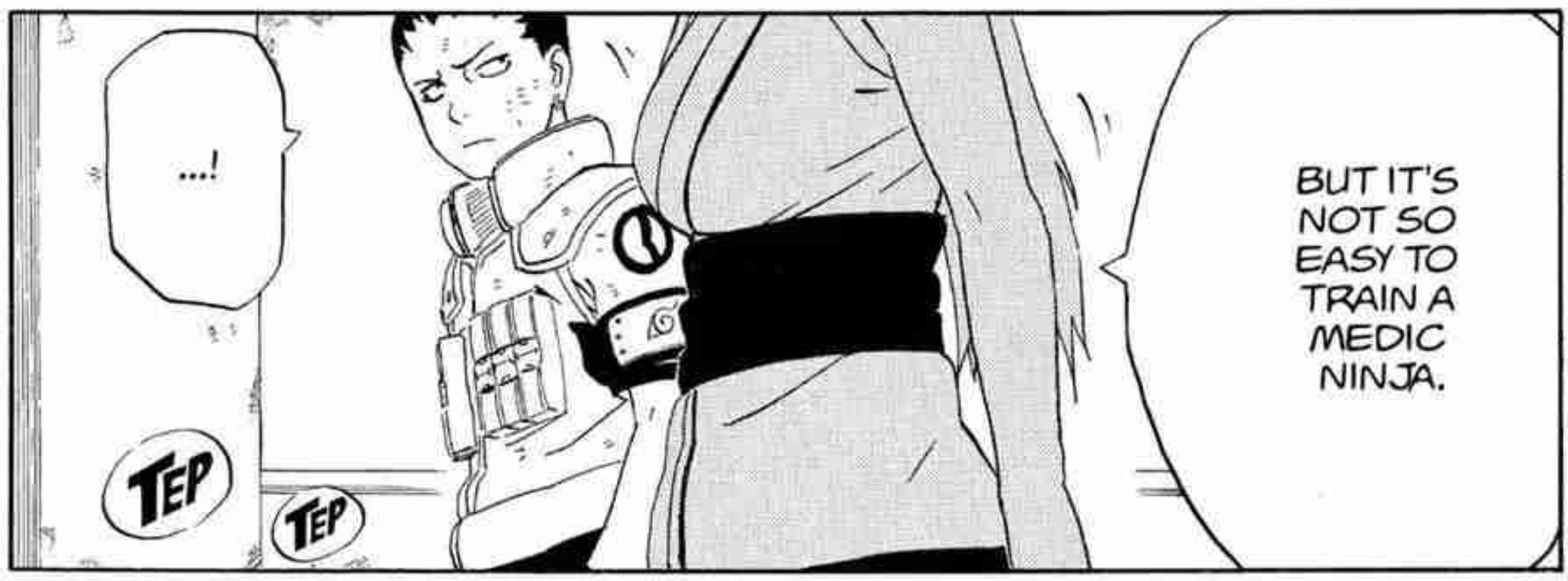


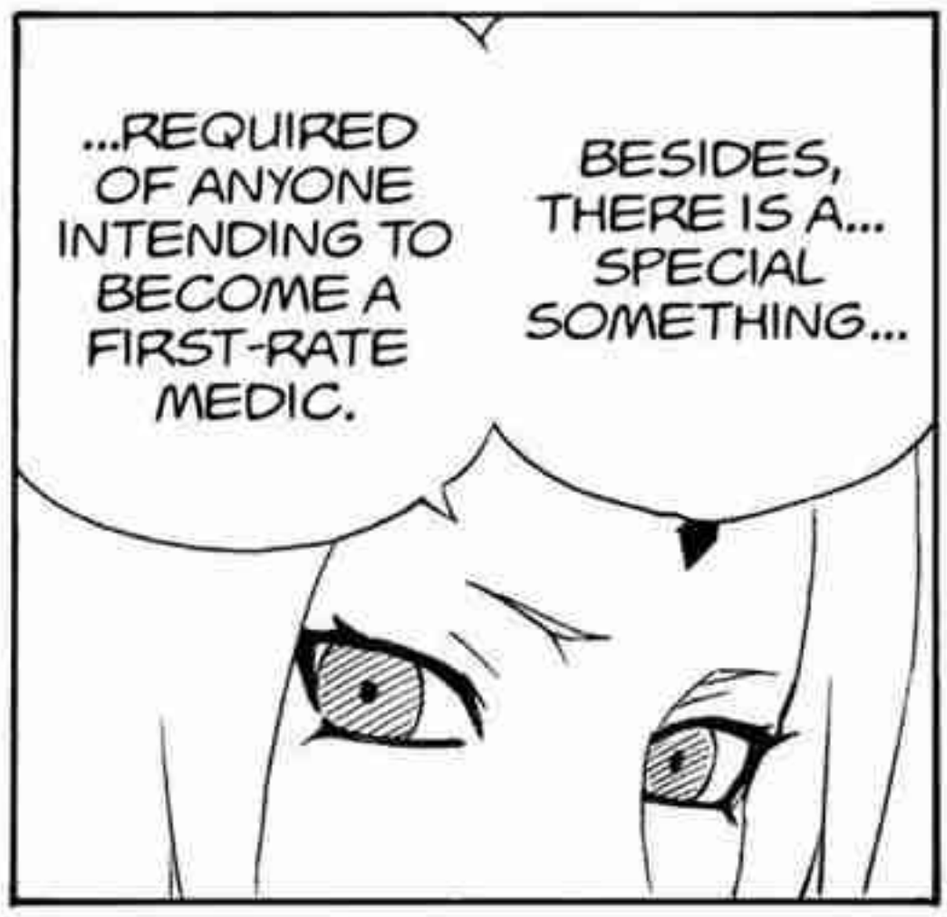


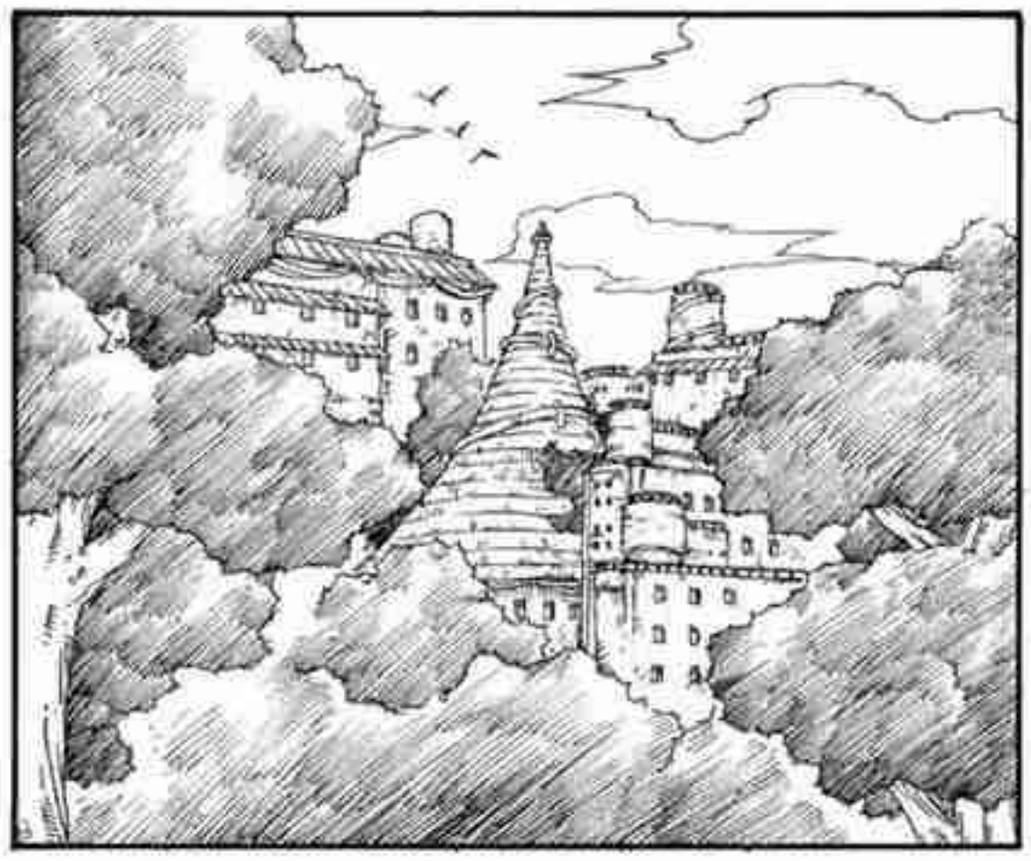
...AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF EXPERTISE....

...AN ADEPTNESS AT PRACTICAL APPLICATION... PATIENCE...

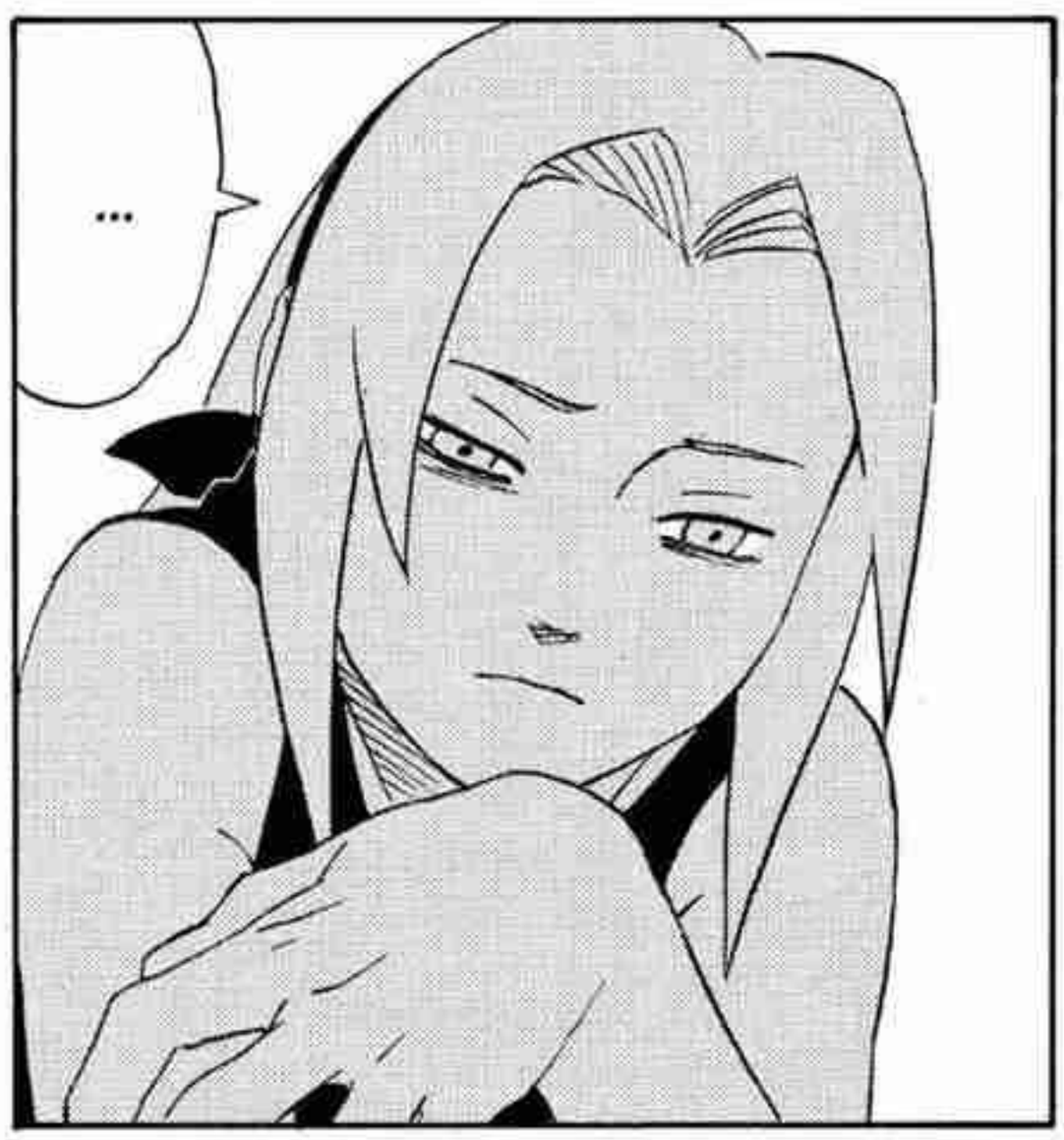
THEY DEMAND A DIFFERENT SKILL SET FROM A WARRIOR.

TO UTILIZE THE CHAKRA, IT TAKES A LIGHT AND PRECISE HAND...





WOOSH
!
SAKURA!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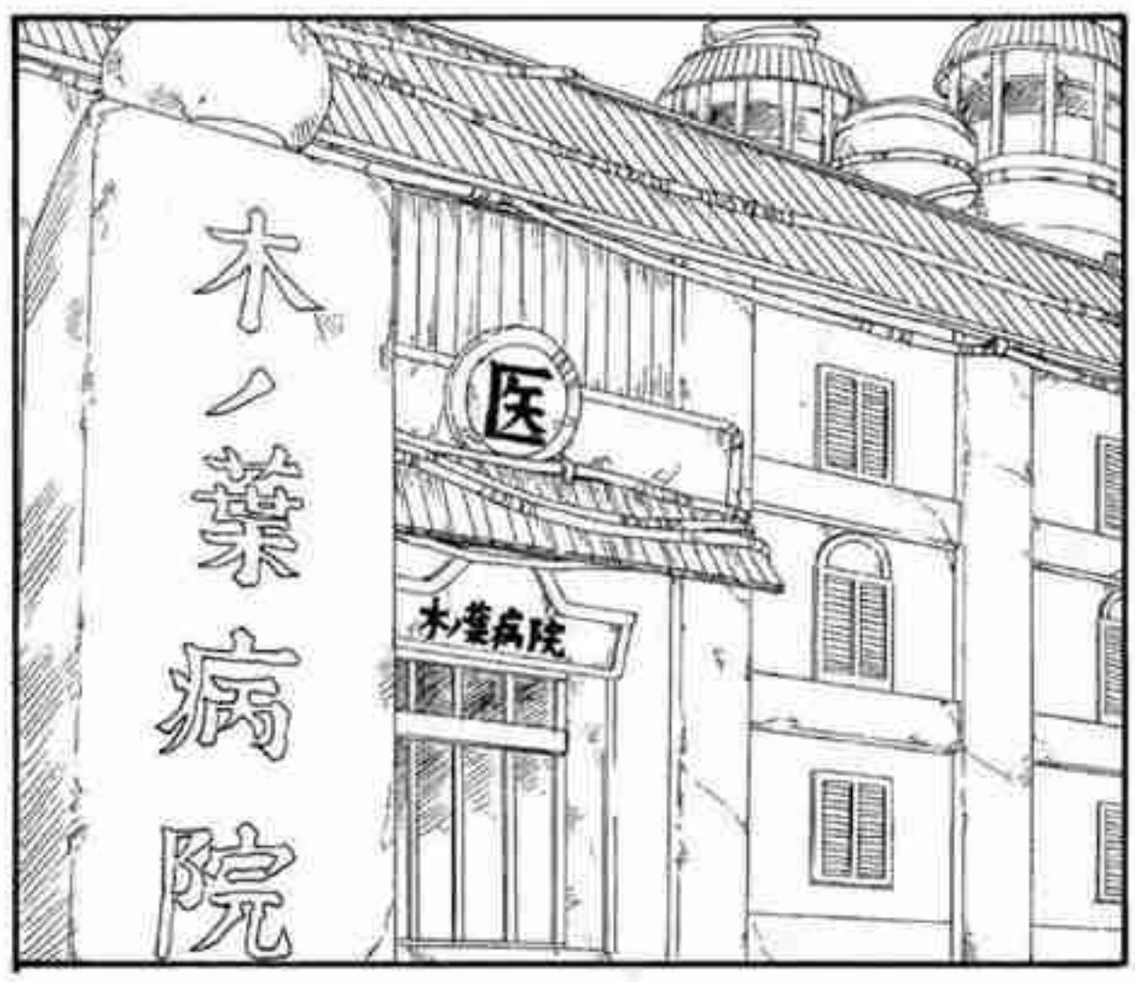
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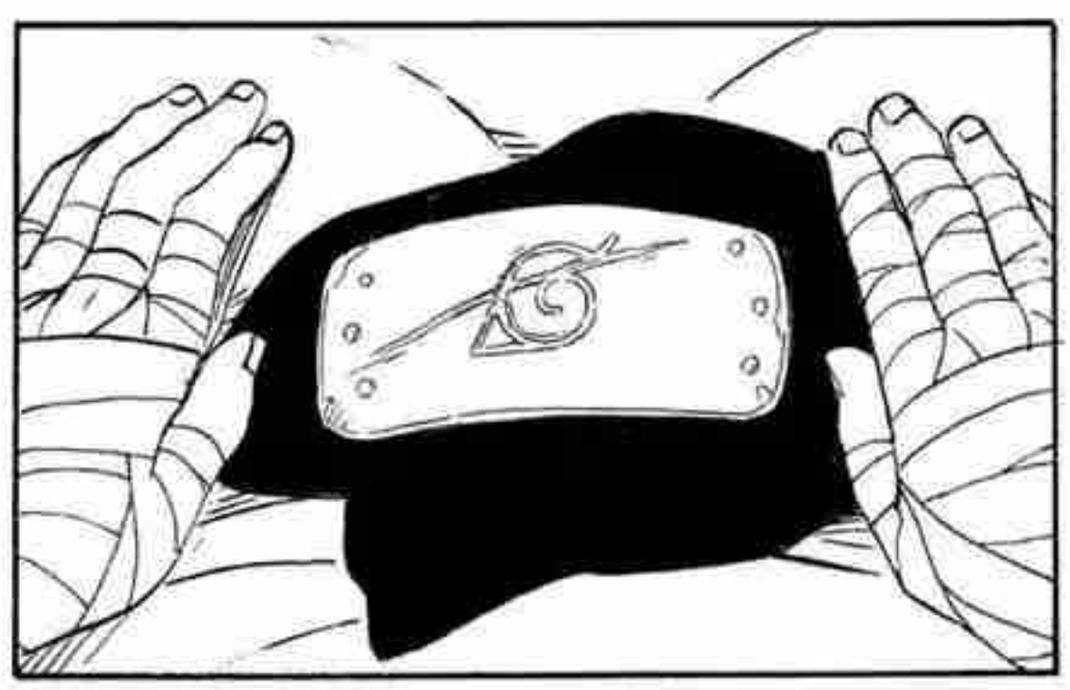
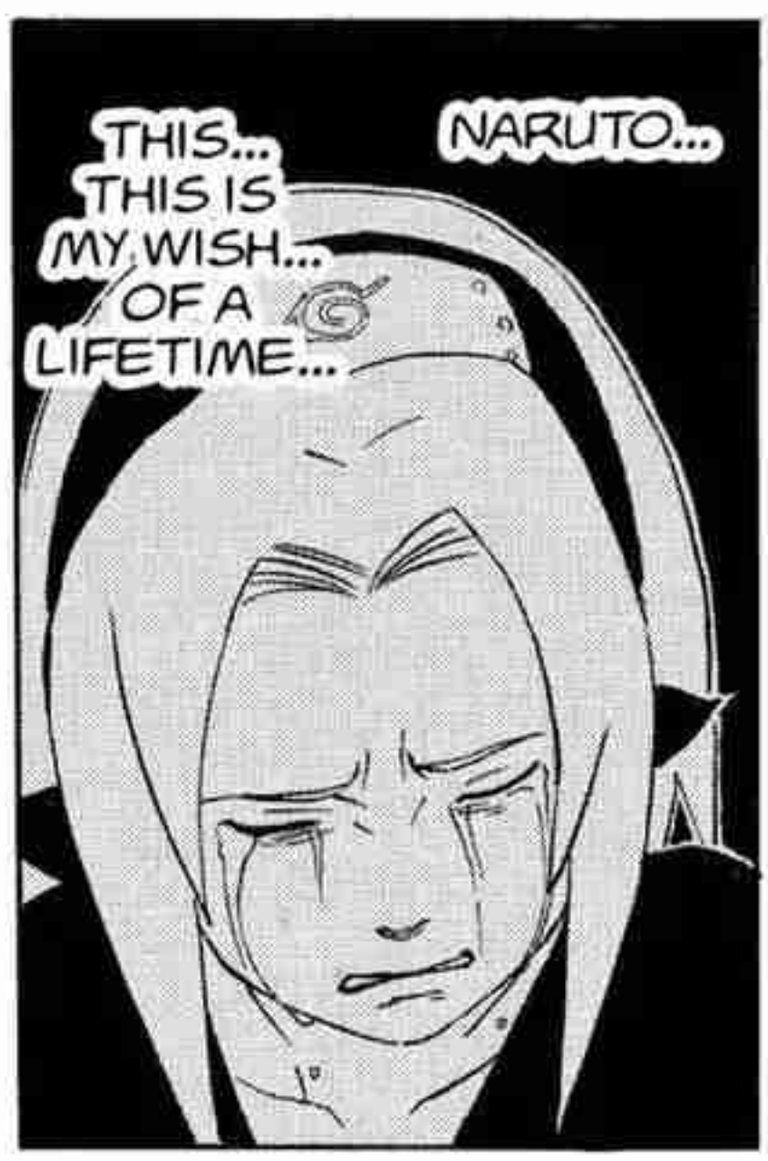
THEY ALL CAME BACK!
C'MON, THEY'RE AT THE KONOHA HOSPITAL!



THAT'S MY PROMISE OF A LIFETIME!!
I'LL BRING BACK SASUKE FOR SURE!


THIS... THIS IS MY WISH... OF A LIFETIME...
NARUTO...

I'M GOING TO OROCHI-MARU!

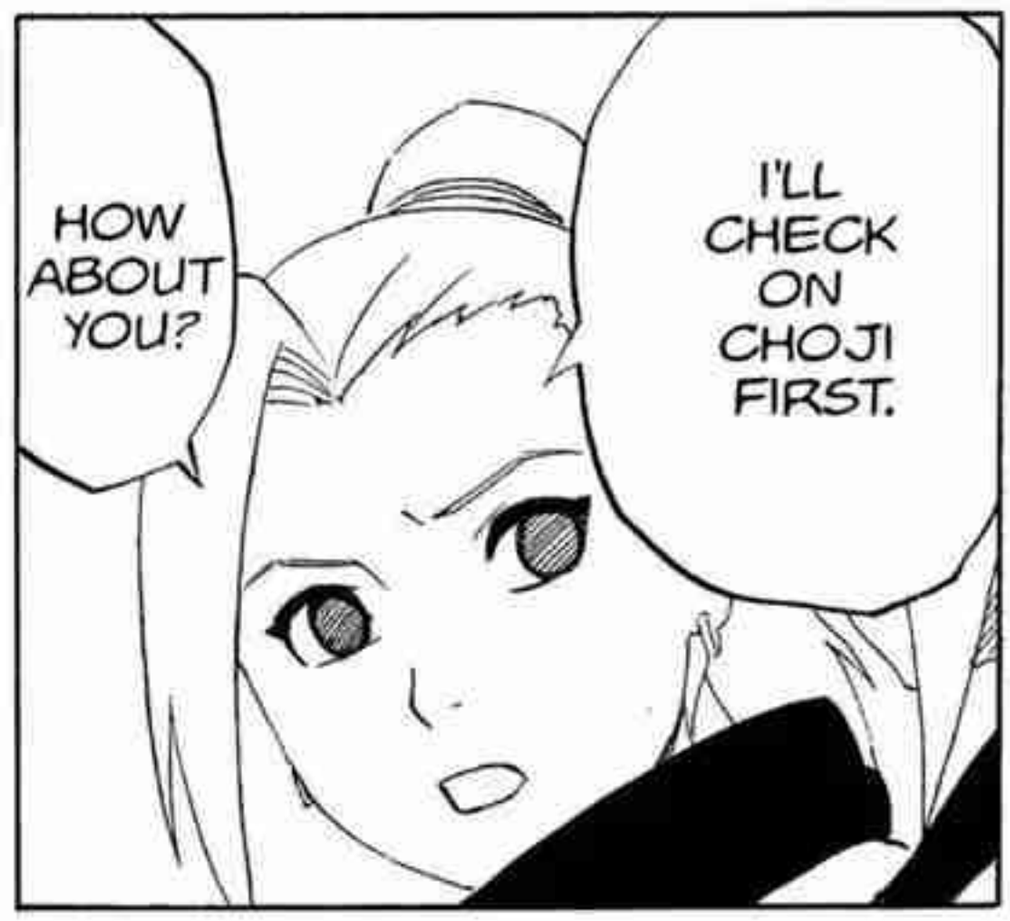
NO REST FOR YOU?

!

...

SHIKA-MARU!

AND SASUKE!
I'LL VISIT NARUTO...

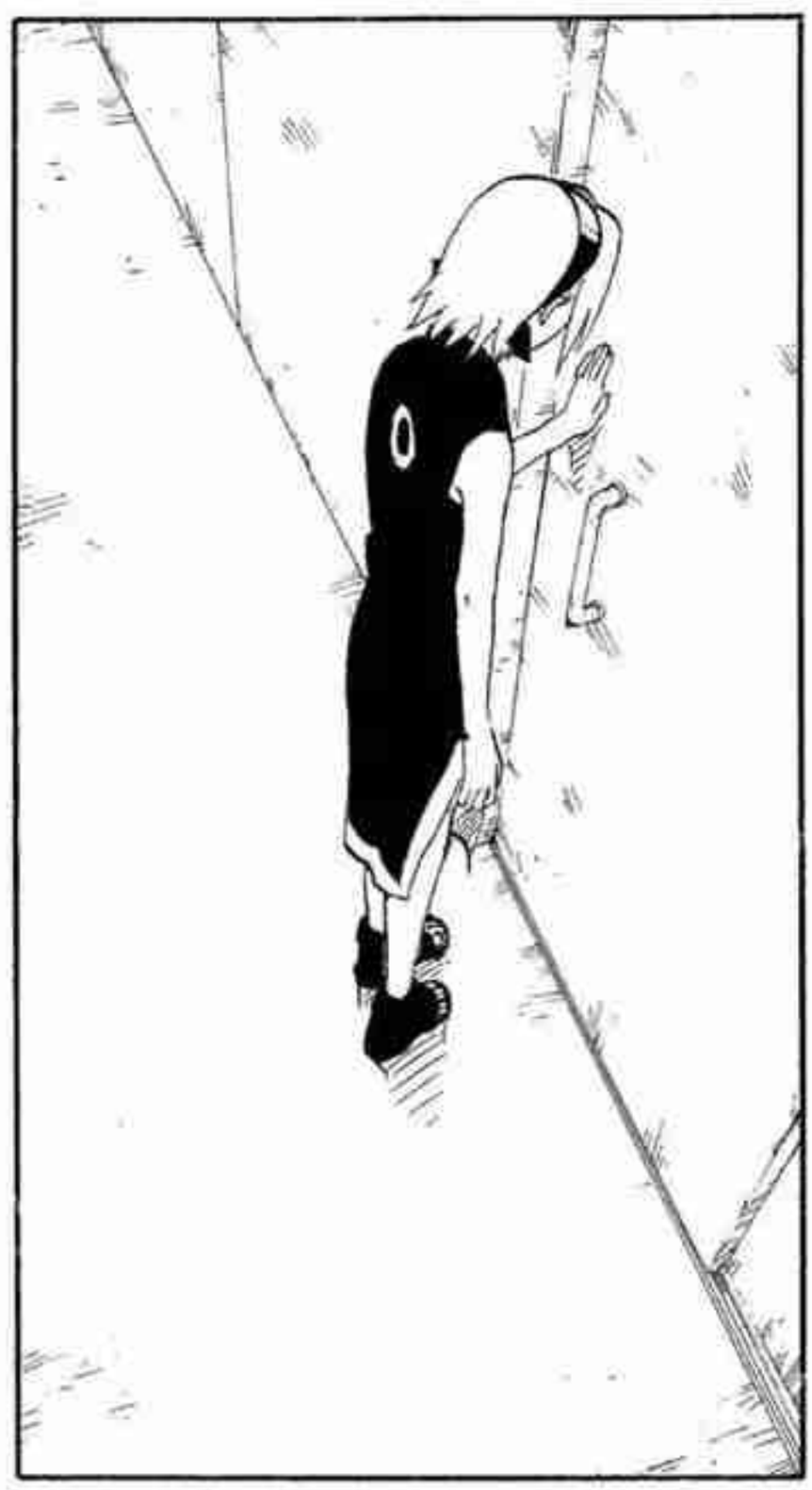

HOW ABOUT YOU?
I'LL CHECK ON CHOJI FIRST.

THAT'S A RELIEF.
SO THEN...
... EVERYONE SURVIVED.

NO.
...

SASUKE WOULDN'T...?

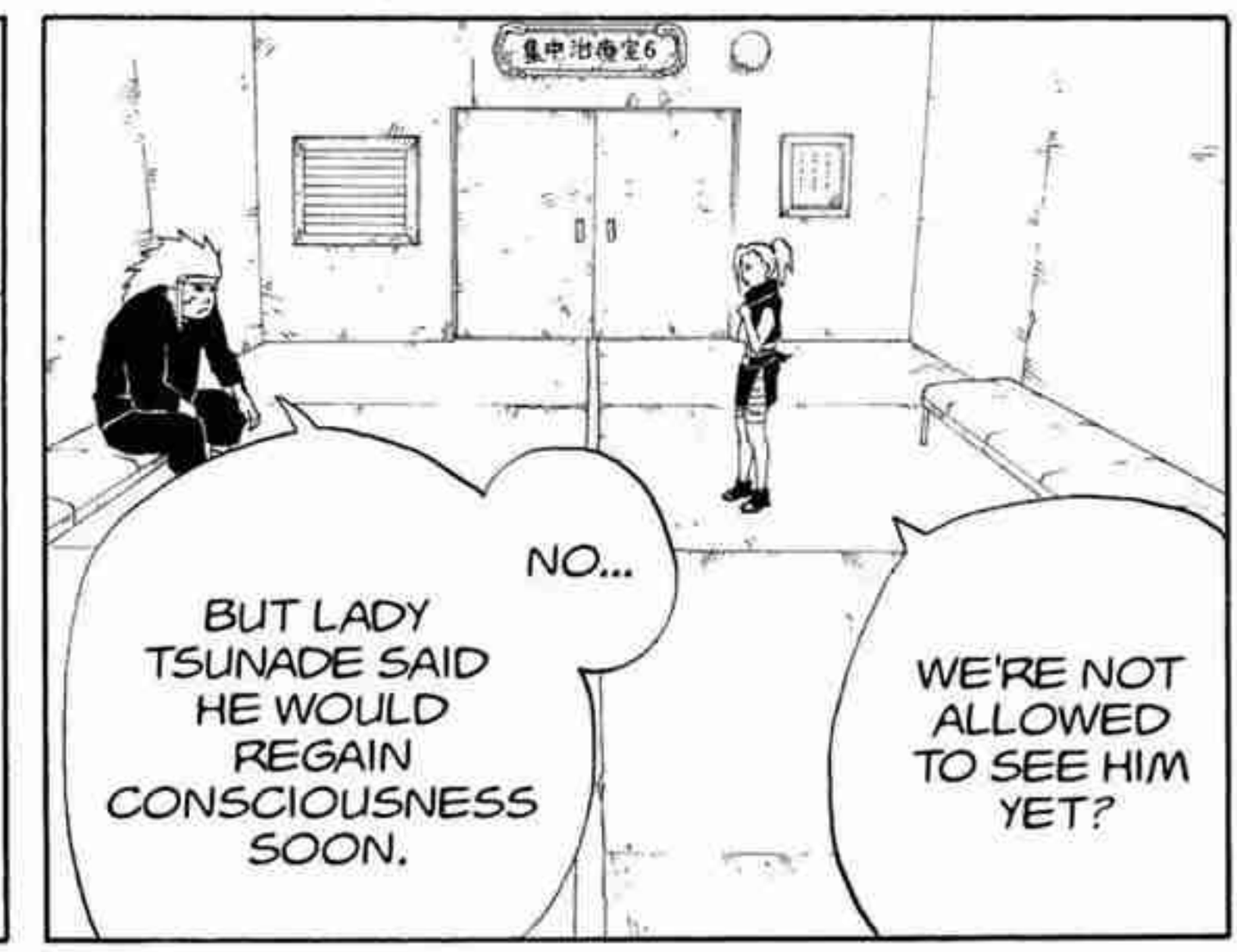
...

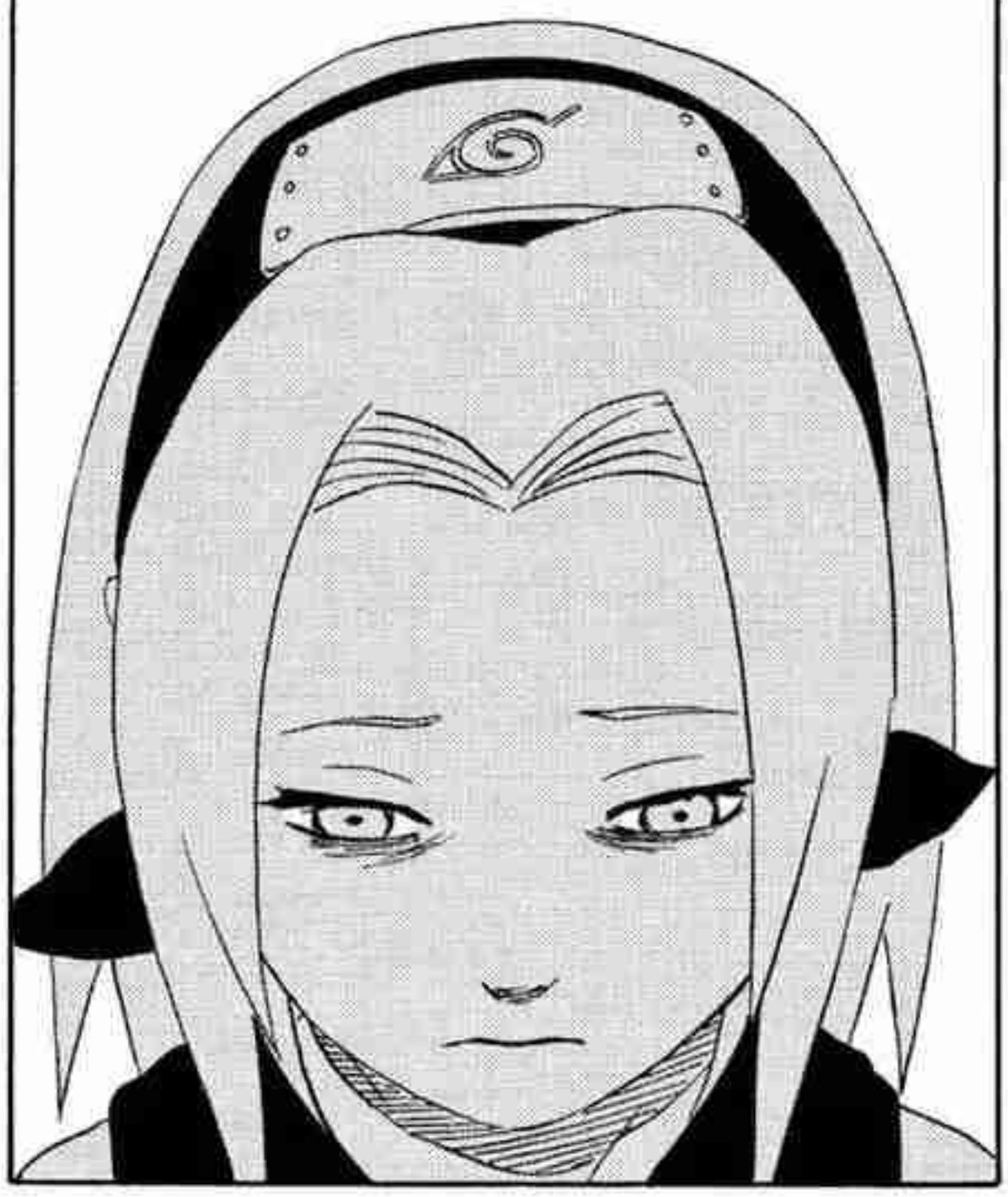


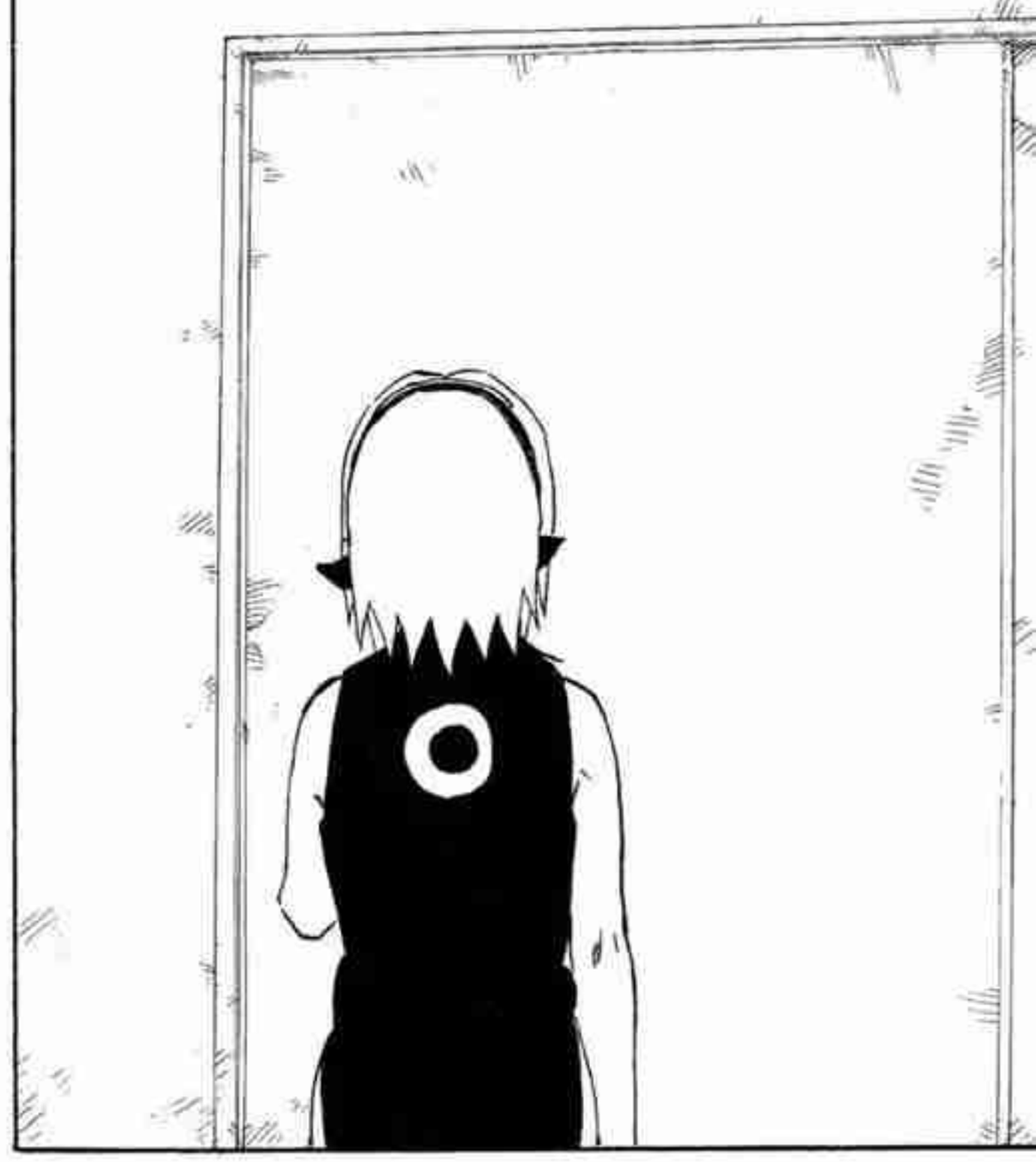
HE'S GONE...

READ THIS WAY

(SIGN: INTENSIVE CARE WARD, ROOM 6)







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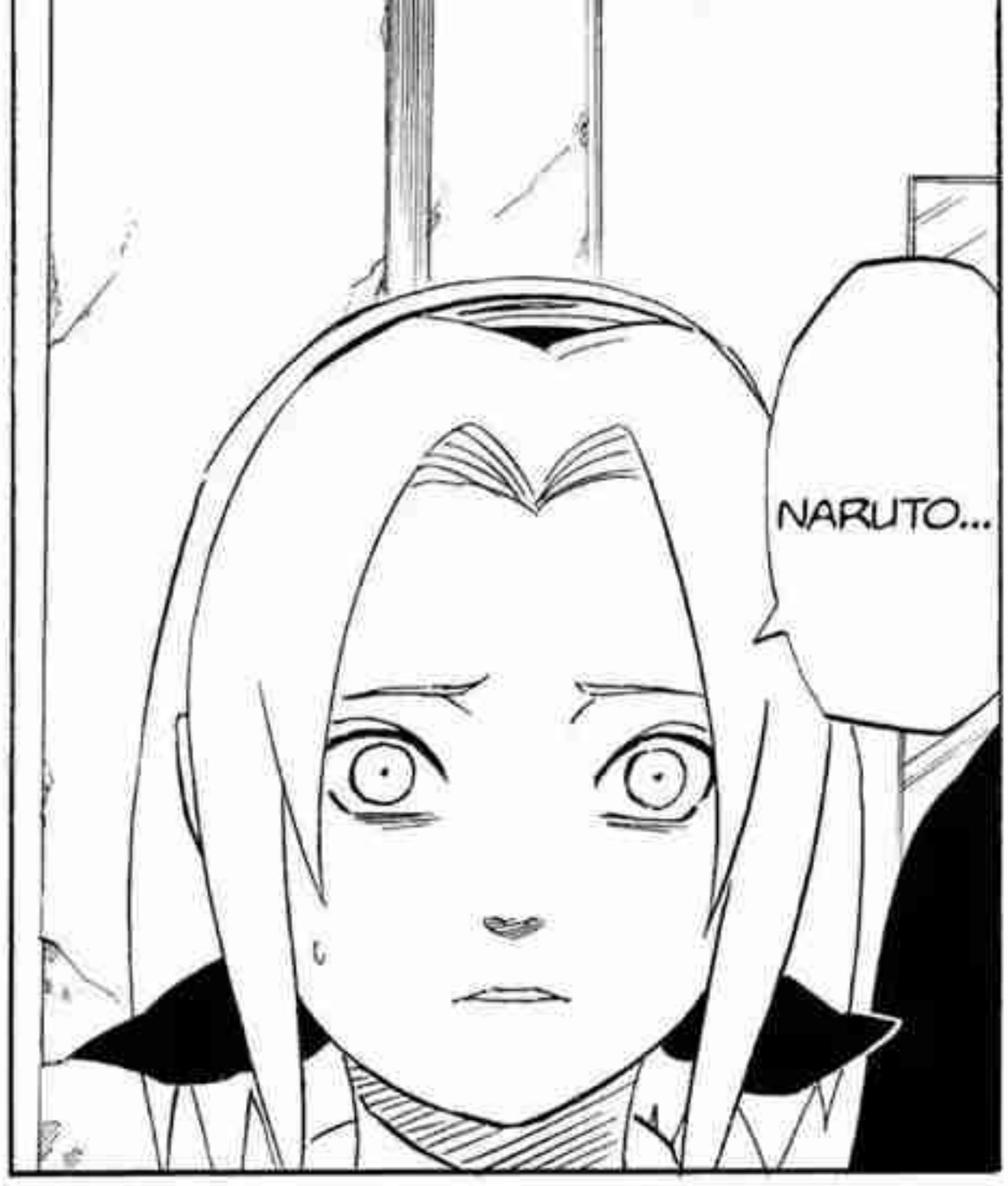
YOU'RE... HARUNO SAKURA, RIGHT?
TEP
ARE YOU HERE TO VISIT THE PATIENT?

TRATTLE
!
!

NEWS TRAVELS FAST.


NARUTO...

SAKURA...

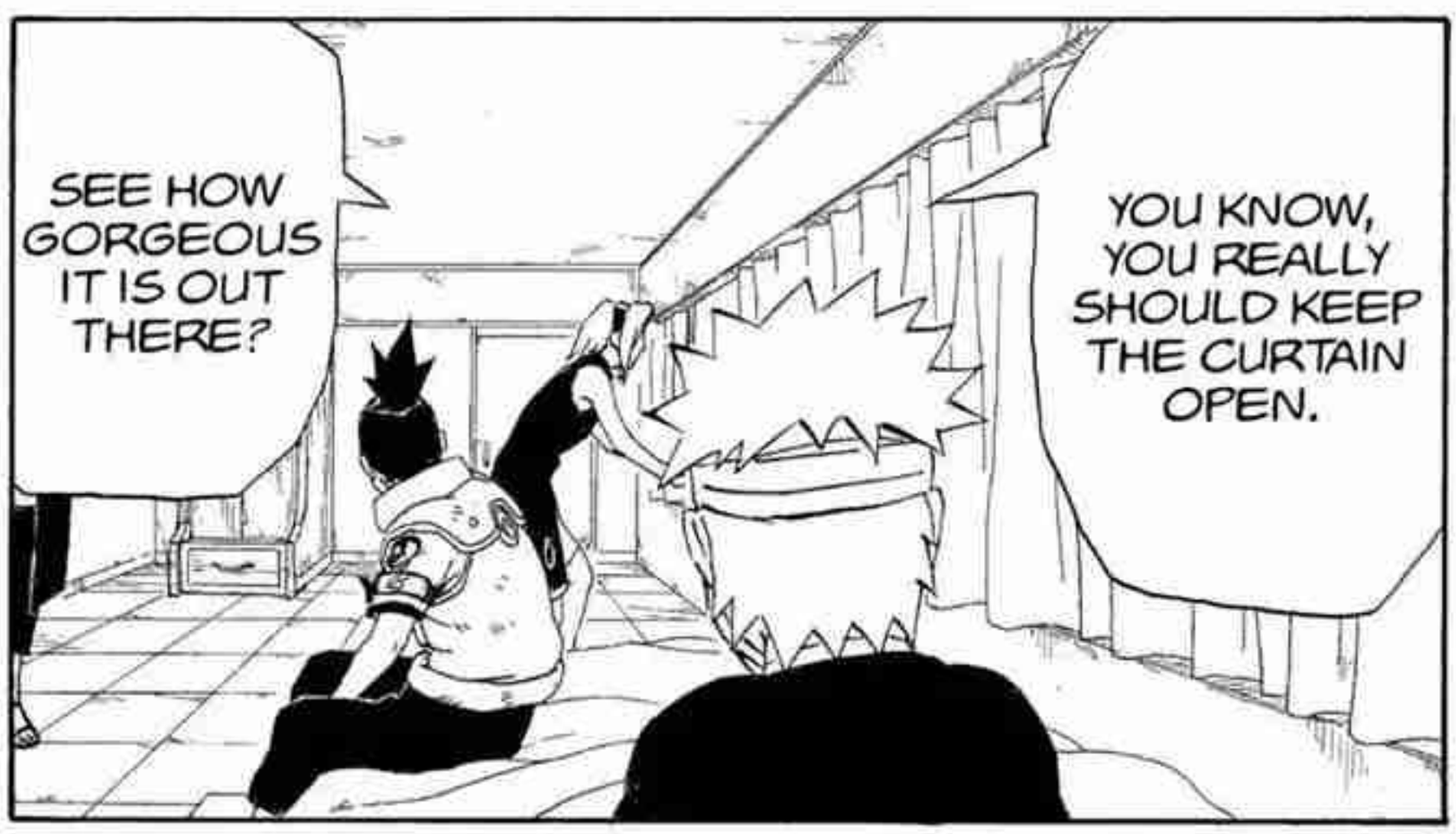
BUT YOU LOOK WELL ENOUGH TO ME.
I HEARD YOU WERE BADLY WOUNDED...

...

...

I'M SORRY.
SAKURA, I'M...

WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR?



IT'S... MY PROMISE OF A LIFETIME.

I MEANT WHAT I SAID.

SAKURA! I...

I WILL KEEP MY PROMISE.

I NEVER GO BACK ON MY WORD.

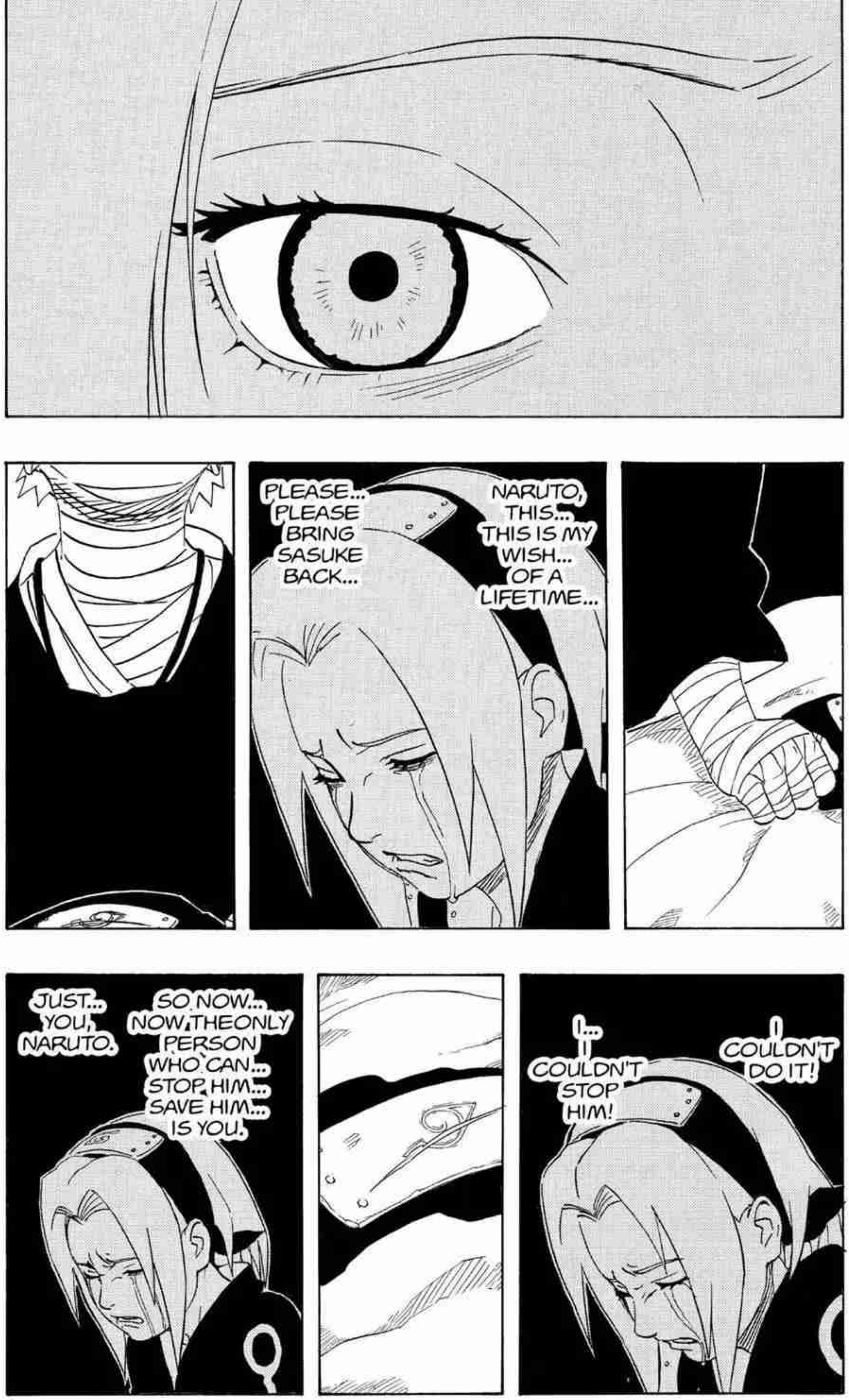
'CAUSE THAT'S MY SHINOBI WAY...

...

THROB

...

...


PLEASE... PLEASE BRING SASUKE BACK...
NARUTO, THIS... THIS IS MY WISH... OF A LIFETIME...
JUST... YOU, NARUTO.
SO NOW... NOW, THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN... STOP HIM... SAVE HIM... IS YOU.
I... I COULDN'T STOP HIM!
I COULDN'T DO IT!

I JUST CRIED, AND REACHED OUT, AND CLUNG TO YOU...

ALL I DID WAS CRY FOR HELP...

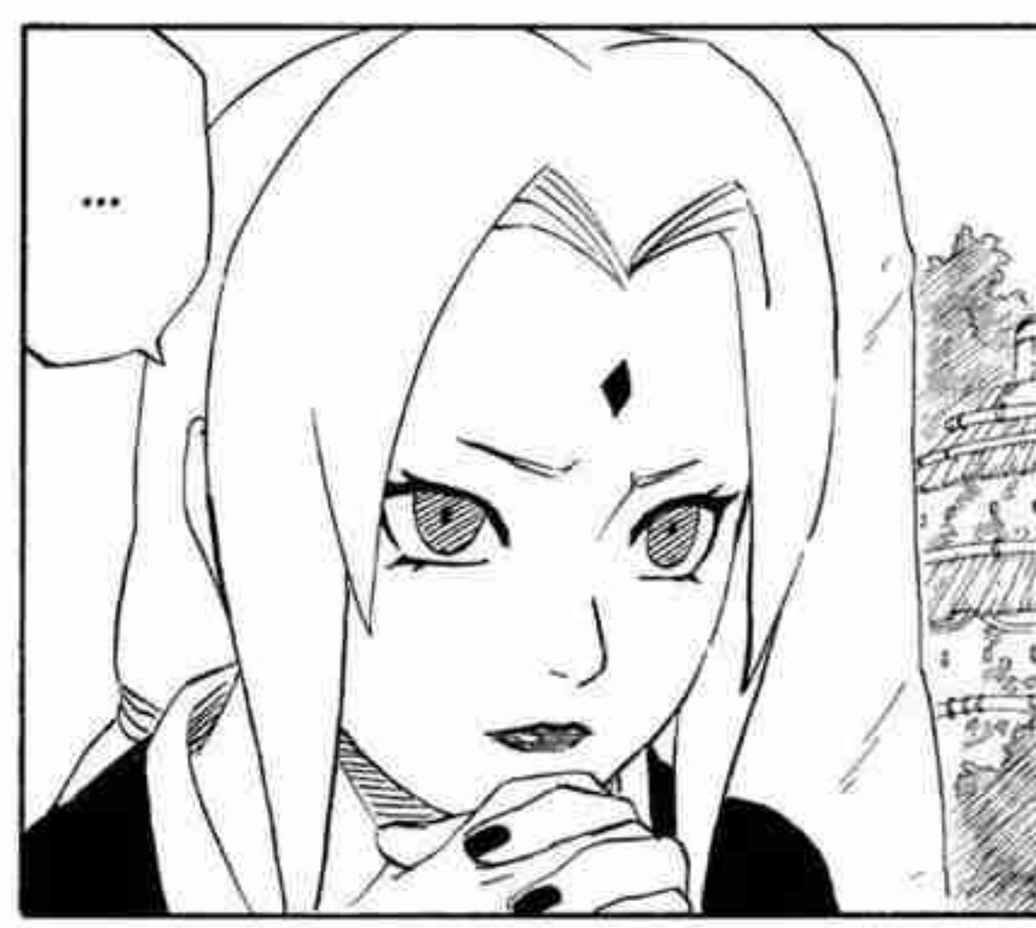
I...

READ THIS WAY
?
YOU'LL NEED TO WAIT FOR A WHILE...
NARUTO ... I'M SORRY.
BUT NEXT TIME, I'M COMING WITH YOU!
(SIGN: HOKAGE'S OFFICE)
火影室
...

I'VE COME TO ASK YOU A FAVOR.
YES?
GACHAK

ENTER!
NOK NOK

TAKE ME ON AS YOUR APPRENTICE!
PLEASE...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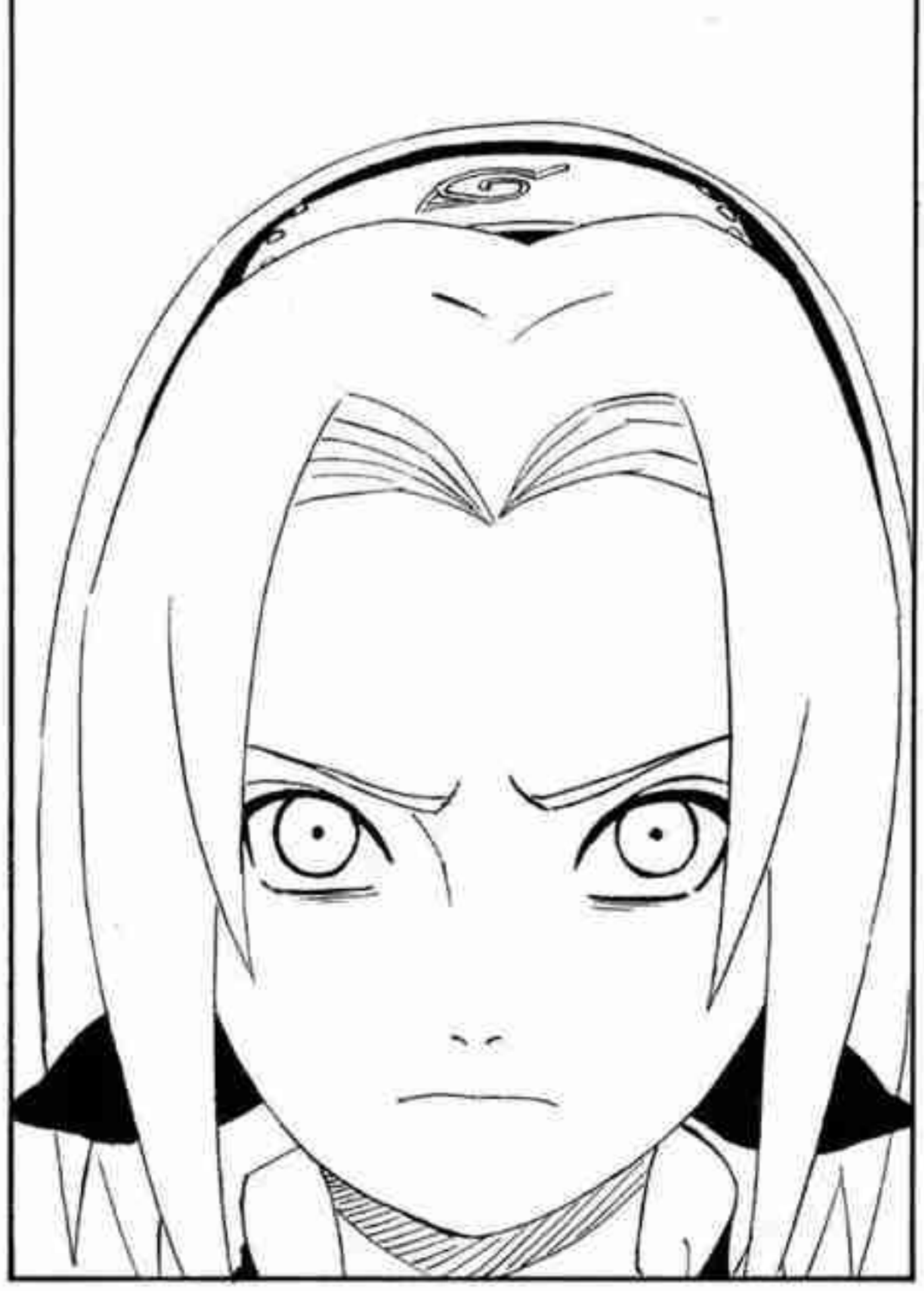
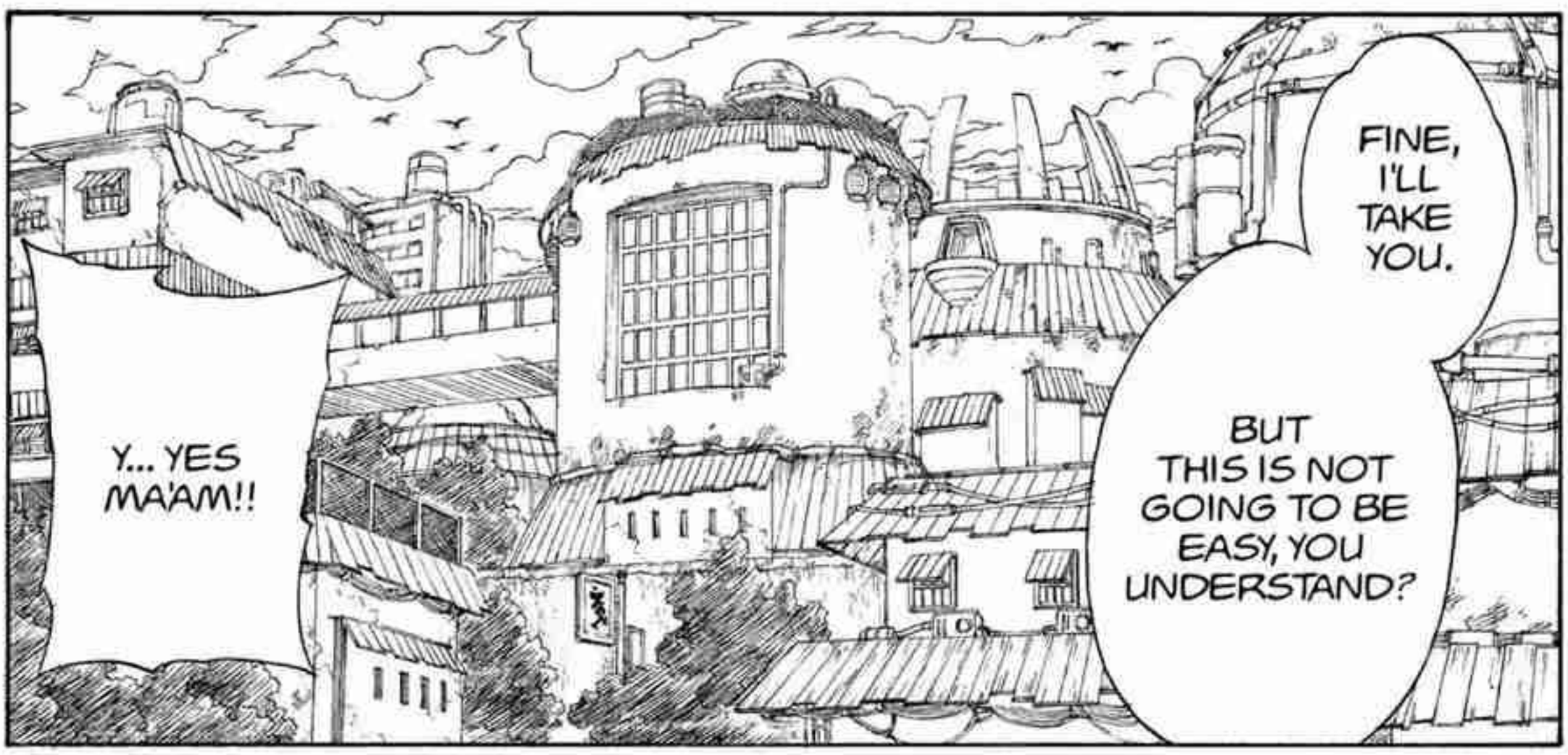


A SPECIAL SOME-THING...

I HAVE HEARD FROM KAKASHI THAT YOU ARE CLEARHEADED AND ABLE TO PERSEVERE.
HARUNO SAKURA.

TO BE SURE, SHE IS HUNGRY FOR IT...


FINE, I'LL TAKE YOU.
BUT THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY, YOU UNDERSTAND?
Y... YES MA'AM!!

THE WORLD OF MASASHI KISHIMOTO
PERSONAL HISTORY: SPECIAL FRIENDS, PART 1

MANGA ARTISTS HARDLY HAVE TIME TO GO OUT. THE REASON? EVERY WEEK, A NEW DEADLINE. IT'S A PRETTY DEMANDING LINE OF WORK.

THUS I KEEP DECLINING INVITATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, I KEEP SHEDDING FRIENDS. AT THIS POINT, MY ASSISTANTS ARE PRETTY MUCH ALL I HAVE LEFT.

AS FOR MY WORK, I SPEND FOUR DAYS ALONE, CONJURING UP PLOTS (A PROCESS CALLED "NAME"). THIS PART IS DIFFERENT FROM THE DRAWING, IN THAT UNLESS I COME UP WITH AN IDEA, I CAN'T MOVE FORWARD. ONCE I DO FIND SOMETHING, I THEN SPEND THREE DAYS DRAWING IT. THING IS, SOMETIMES IT TAKES SIX DAYS TO SORT OUT A PLOT. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'VE GOT ONLY A DAY LEFT TO DRAW, SO I HAVE TO LEAN HEAVILY ON MY ASSISTANTS TO MAKE THE DEADLINE.

EVEN THEN I STILL HAVE TO GENERATE A WHOLE ROUGH DRAFT MYSELF, WHICH DOESN'T HELP MUCH. THE KEY TO SPEEDING THINGS ALONG IS IN FINALIZING THE DRAFT WITH PEN. THE SIMPLER CHARACTERS THAT USE FEWER LINES MY ASSISTANTS CAN CLEAN UP FOR ME. THAT SAID, I HAVEONLY ONE ASSISTANT WHO CAN IMITATE MY STYLE OF DRAWING, SO THE TWO OF US HAVE TO HANDLE MOST OF THE "BIG" WORK.

WHERE WE REALLY RUN INTO TROUBLE, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE BEHIND SCHEDULE, IS WHEN NARUTO CONJURES UP A MASS OF SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS. FOR INSTANCE, TAKE A PEEK AT VOL. 23, PAGES 64-65. NARUTO IS PLASTERED EVERYWHERE, ALL OVER A TWO-PAGE SPREAD. THE TWO OF US DIVIDED THE WORK AND DREW LIKE MADMEN. WE WERE CUTTING SO CLOSE TO THE DEADLINE, WE HAD TO PULL ALL-NIGHTERS. THE MOMENT WE FINISHED THESE TWO PAGES, MY ASSISTANT COLLAPSED AND FELL ASLEEP. THE THING IS, THOUGH, WE STILL HAD OTHER PAGES TO COMPLETE, SO HE COULD ONLY TAKE A QUICK NAP! AT TIMES LIKE THIS, I MENTALLY APOLOGIZE FOR HIS SUFFERING, AND HOPING TO SOFTEN THE TENSION, I SEARCH FOR SOMETHING TO LIVEN THE WORKPLACE... FOR INSTANCE, SHOCK THERAPY. SO THAT DAY, WHILE HE WAS NAPPING, I PHOTOCOPIED THE TWO-PAGE SPREAD AND SPLATTERED INK ALL OVER IT, AS IF BY ACCIDENT...

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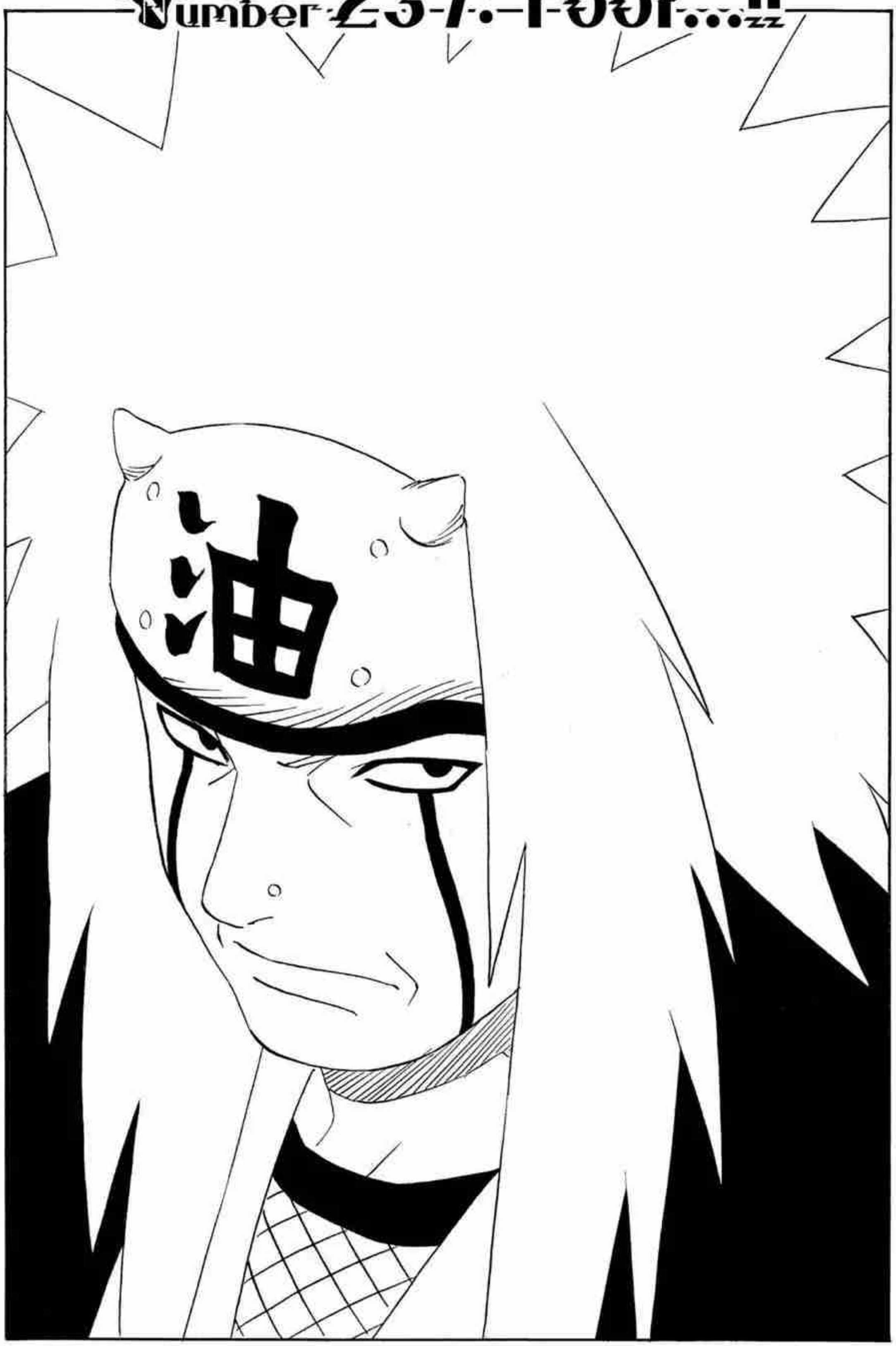
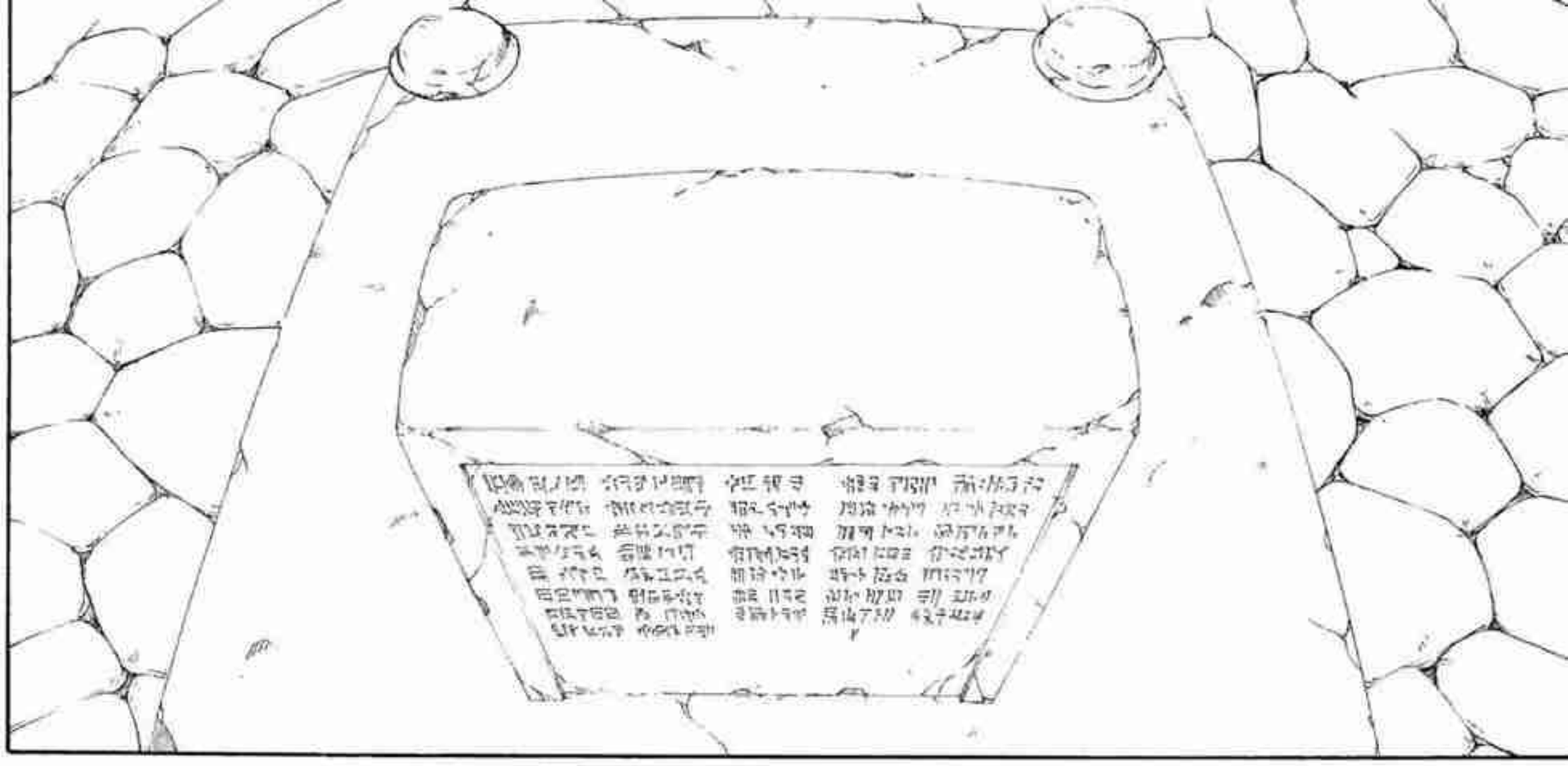
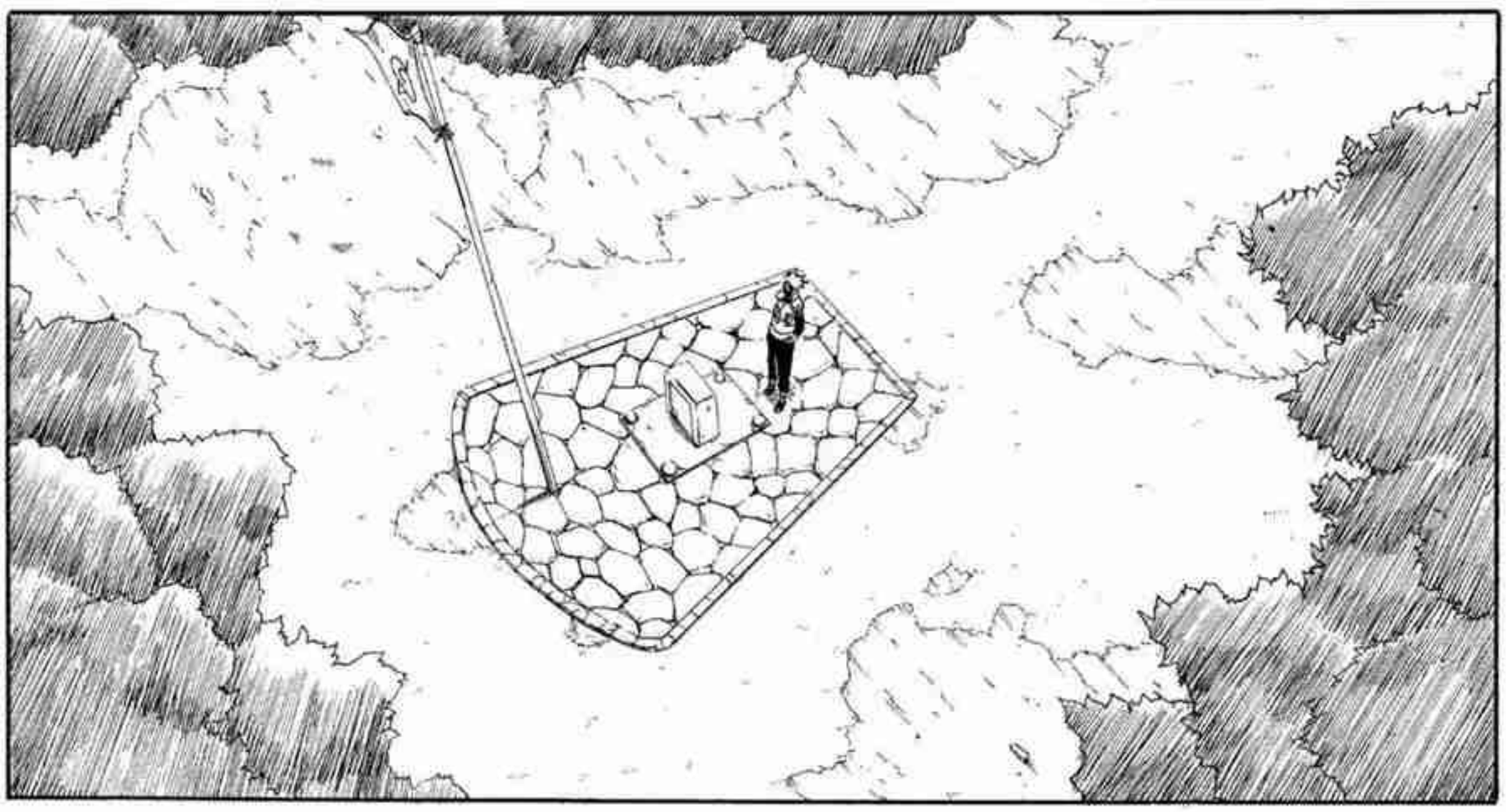


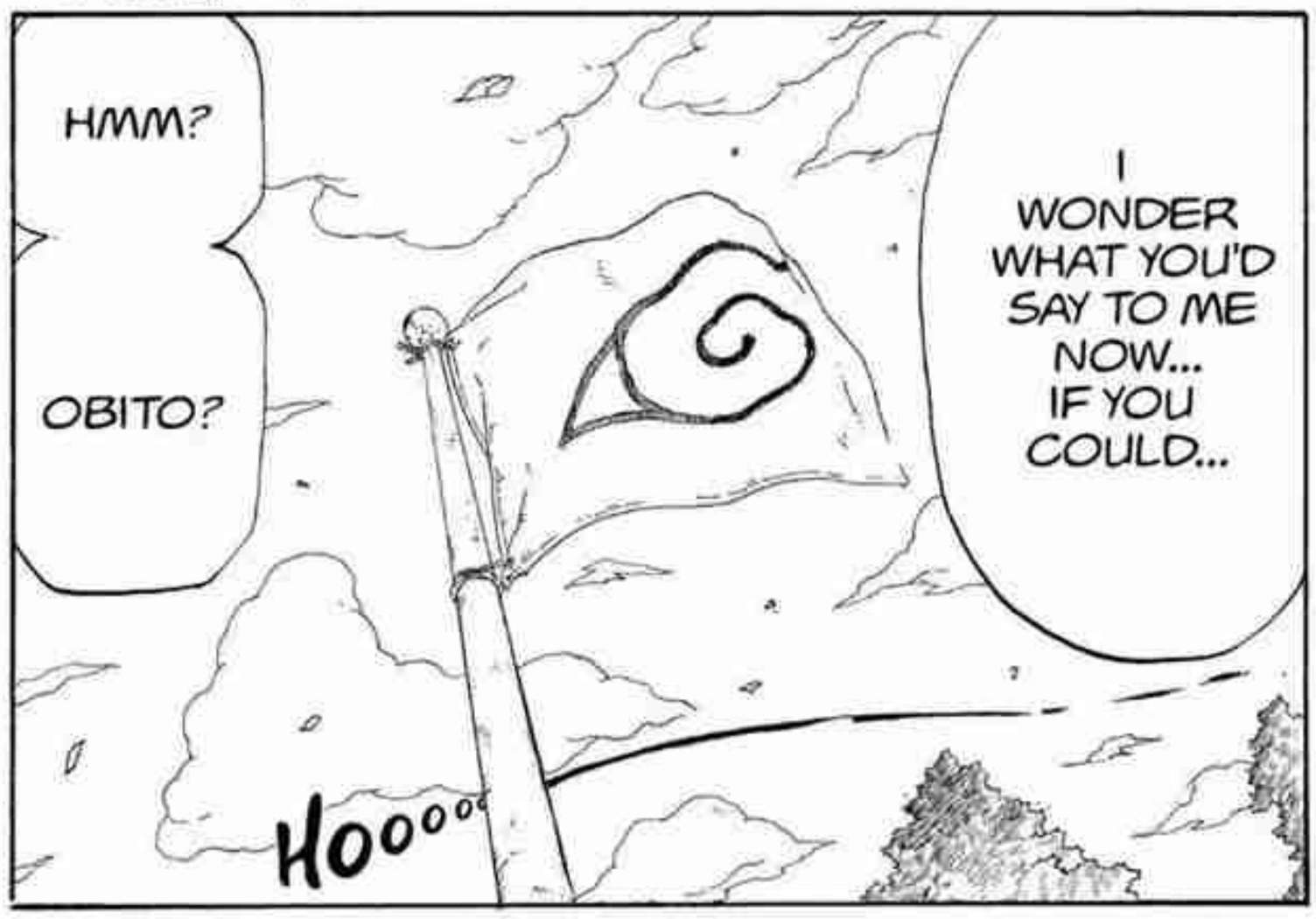


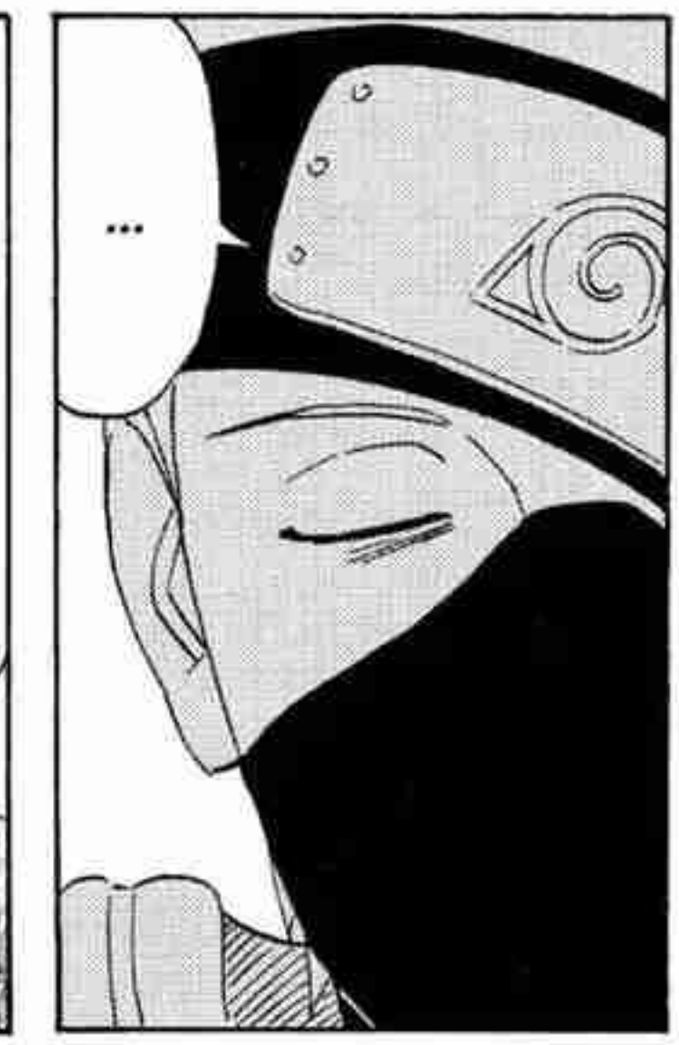


EVEN WITH THIS EYE...
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS.

BUT THINGS HAVEN'T REALLY CHANGED.
I HAVE SO MANY REGRETS...
I'M JÔNIN NOW. I TEACH AND TUTOR.

READ
THIS
WAY


HMM?
OBITO?
I WONDER WHAT YOU'D SAY TO ME NOW... IF YOU COULD...
HOOOOO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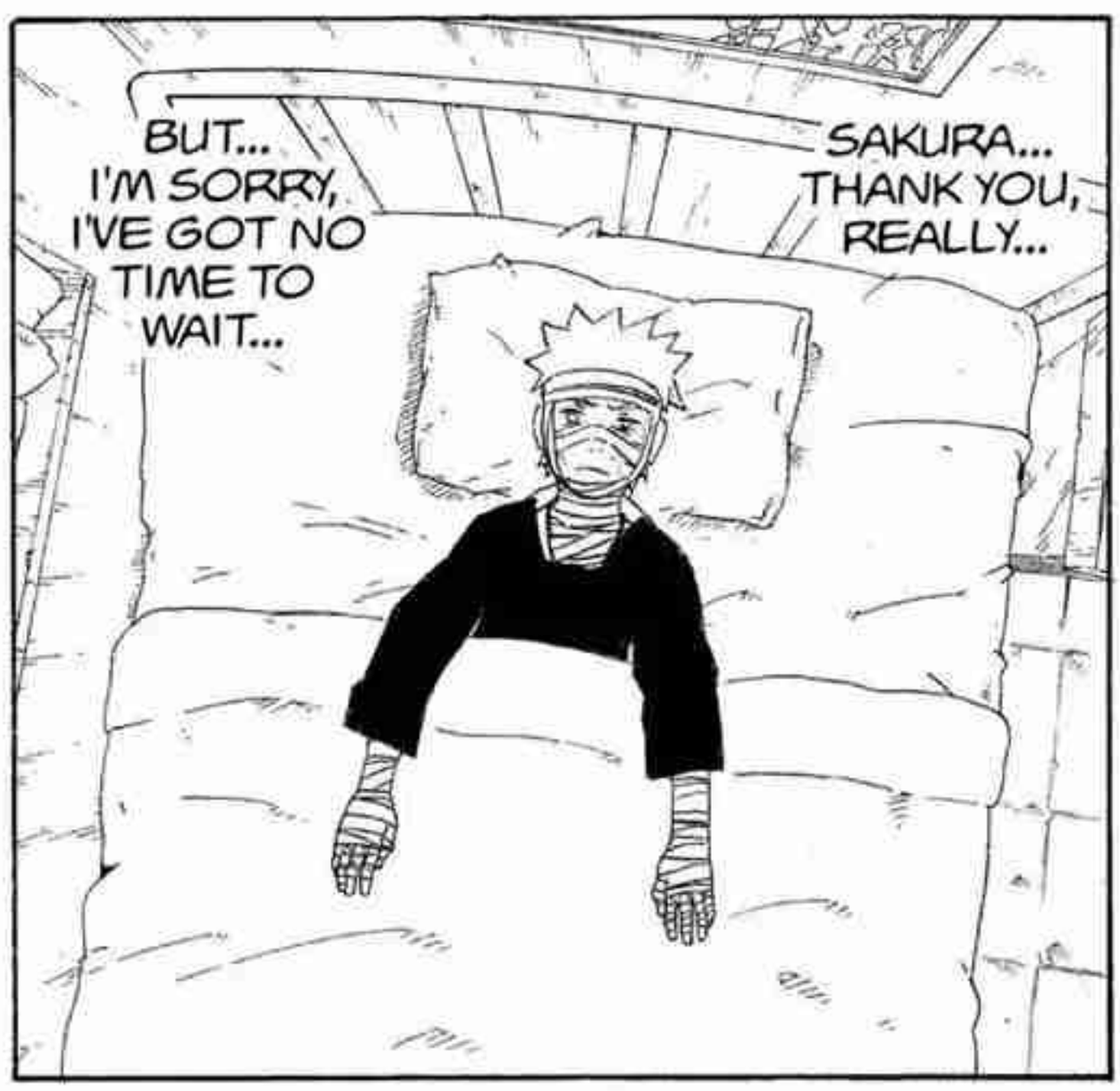

BUT... I'M SORRY, I'VE GOT NO TIME TO WAIT...
SAKURA... THANK YOU, REALLY...

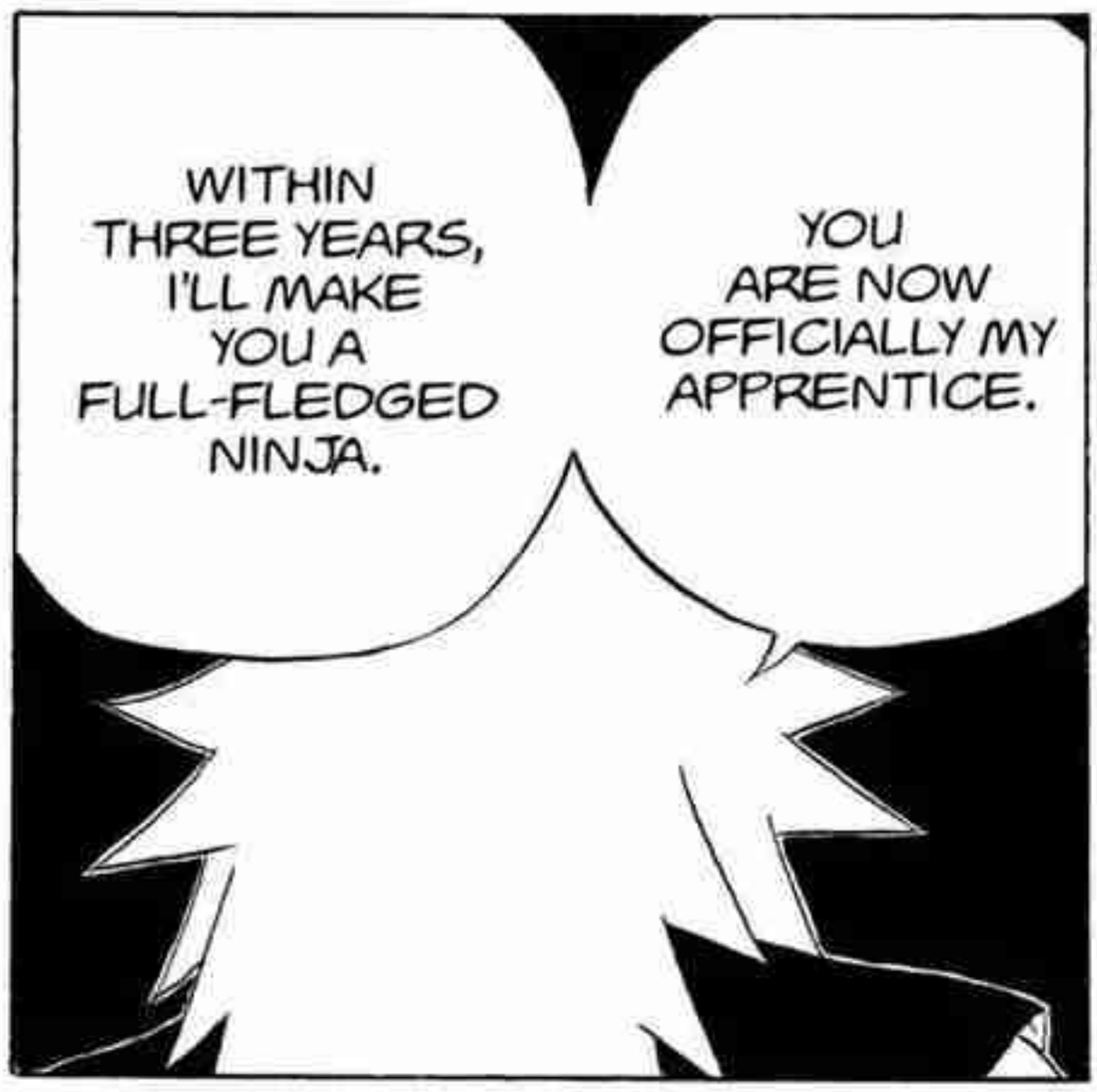
木
木ノ葉病院

SHFF SHFF
FLUP
WHUP
WHA...?!

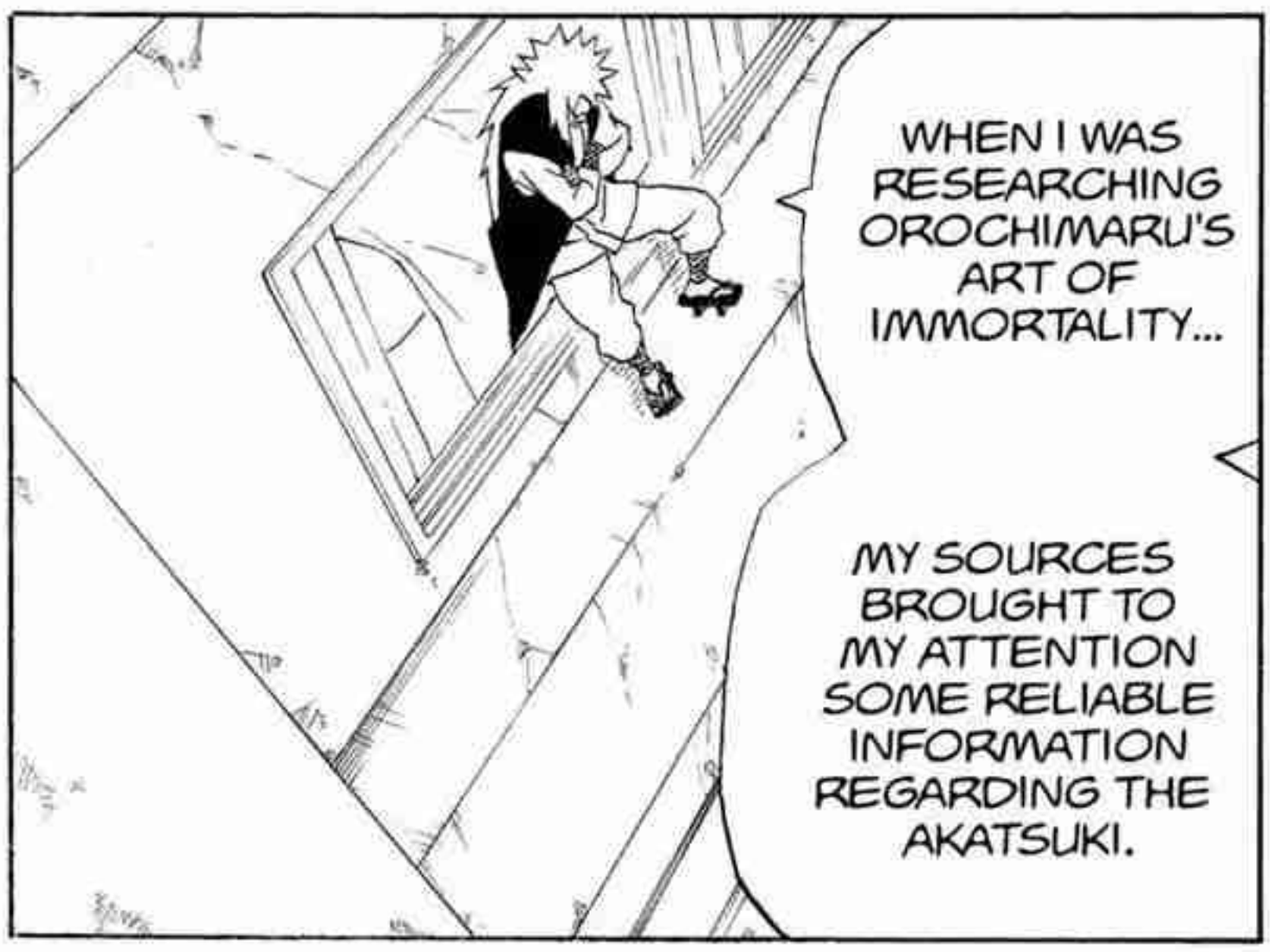
WHUMPP
?!!

KAWHOMM...PP

!!

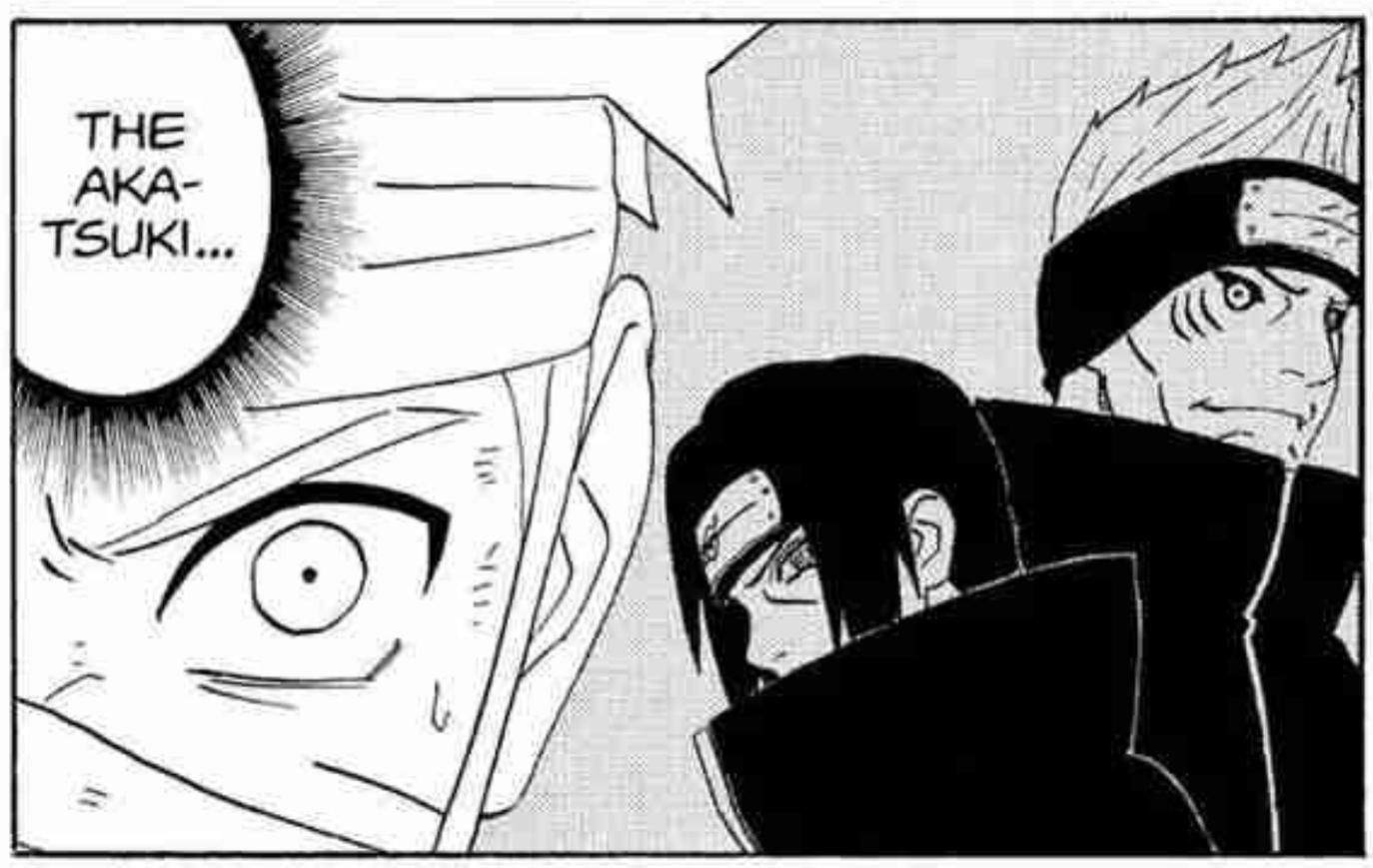

WITHIN THREE YEARS, I'LL MAKE YOU A FULL-FLEDGED NINJA.
YOU ARE NOW OFFICIALLY MY APPRENTICE.

I'VE COME HERE TO MAKE A FORMAL ANNOUNCE-MENT.


WHEN I WAS RESEARCHING OROCHIMARU'S ART OF IMMORTALITY...
MY SOURCES BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION SOME RELIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE AKATSUKI.

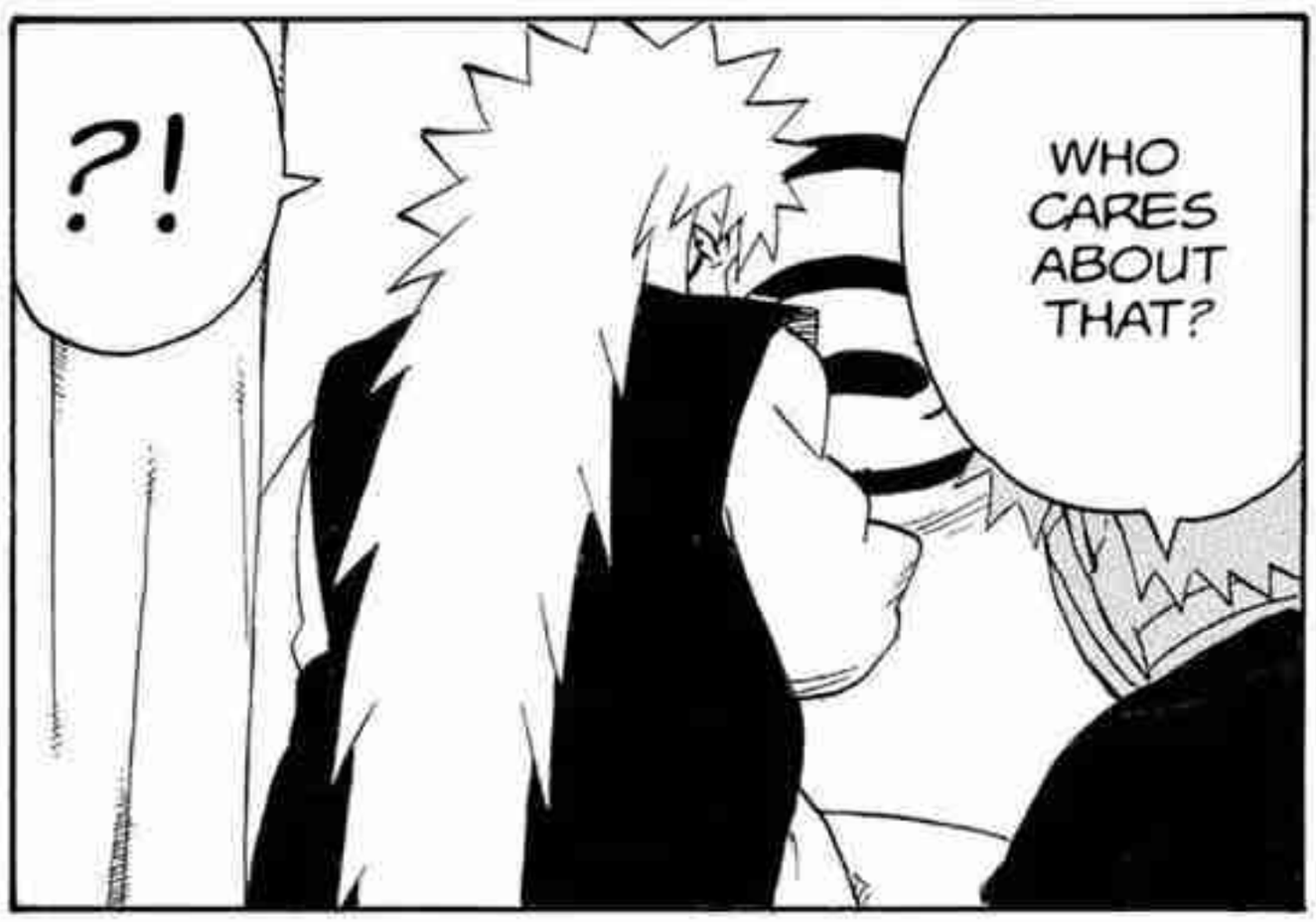
?

INFOR-MATION?


THE AKA-TSUKI...

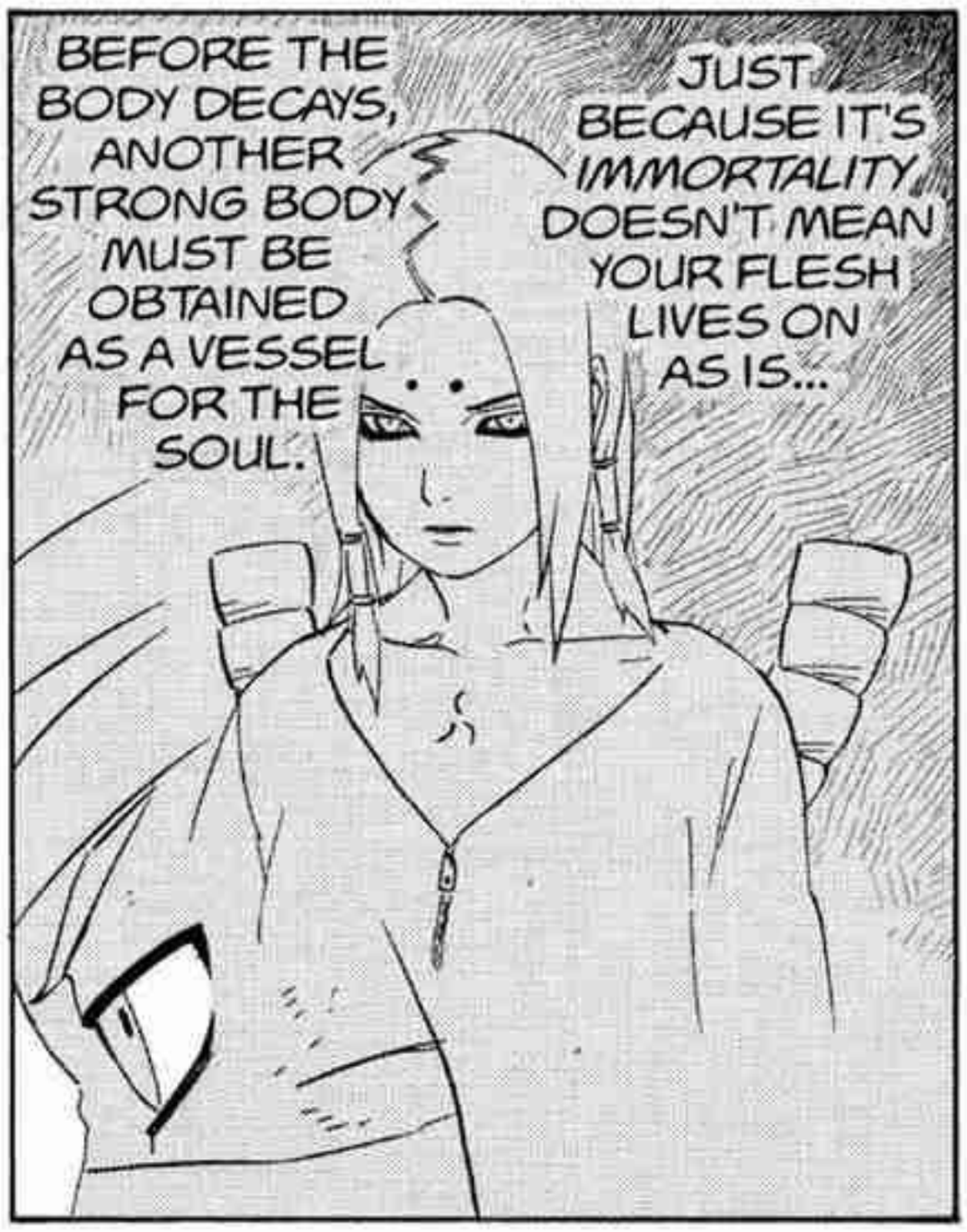
THEY WON'T BE BACK FOR YOU...

...FOR THREE OR FOUR MORE YEARS.

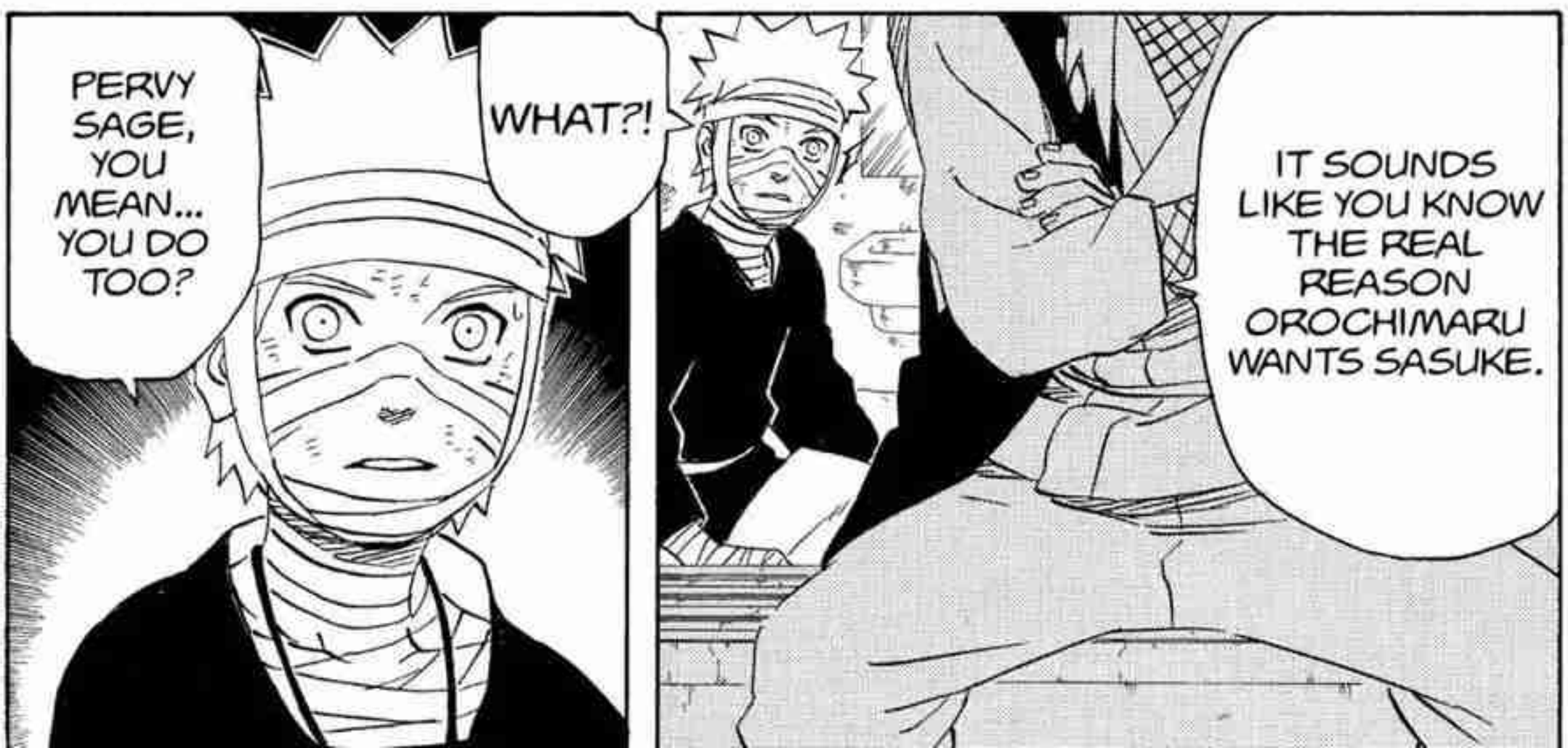


OROCHIMARU COULD KILL HIM!!
I GOTTA GO AFTER SASUKE!

...


BEFORE THE BODY DECAYS, ANOTHER STRONG BODY MUST BE OBTAINED AS A VESSEL FOR THE SOUL.
JUST BECAUSE IT'S IMMORTALITY DOESN'T MEAN YOUR FLESH LIVES ON AS IS...

HMPH ...


PERVY SAGE, YOU MEAN... YOU DO TOO?
WHAT?!
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU KNOW THE REAL REASON OROCHIMARU WANTS SASUKE.

BUT IT APPEARS WE HAVE MORE THAN THREE YEARS BEFORE HE CAN USE SASUKE'S BODY AS HIS VESSEL.

AND, WELL, I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOU 100 PERCENT...

DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU?

I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING OROCHIMARU'S ART OF IMMORTALITY...

THE DEAL IS, THE ART OF IMMORTALITY DEMANDS A BUFFER OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS...

...BEFORE HE CAN RE-TRANSFER HIS SOUL.

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE MY CONNEC-TIONS!

HOW CAN YOU KNOW THAT...?

THREE YEARS, AT LEAST?!

...

...REÄL?!

FOR...

WE HAVE TIME.

HE ALREADY TRANSFERRED HIMSELF TO A NEW BODY...

SO THAT GIVES US THREE YEARS BEFORE HE TAKES SASUKE.

BUT LISTEN.

WHEW...

IN-DEED.

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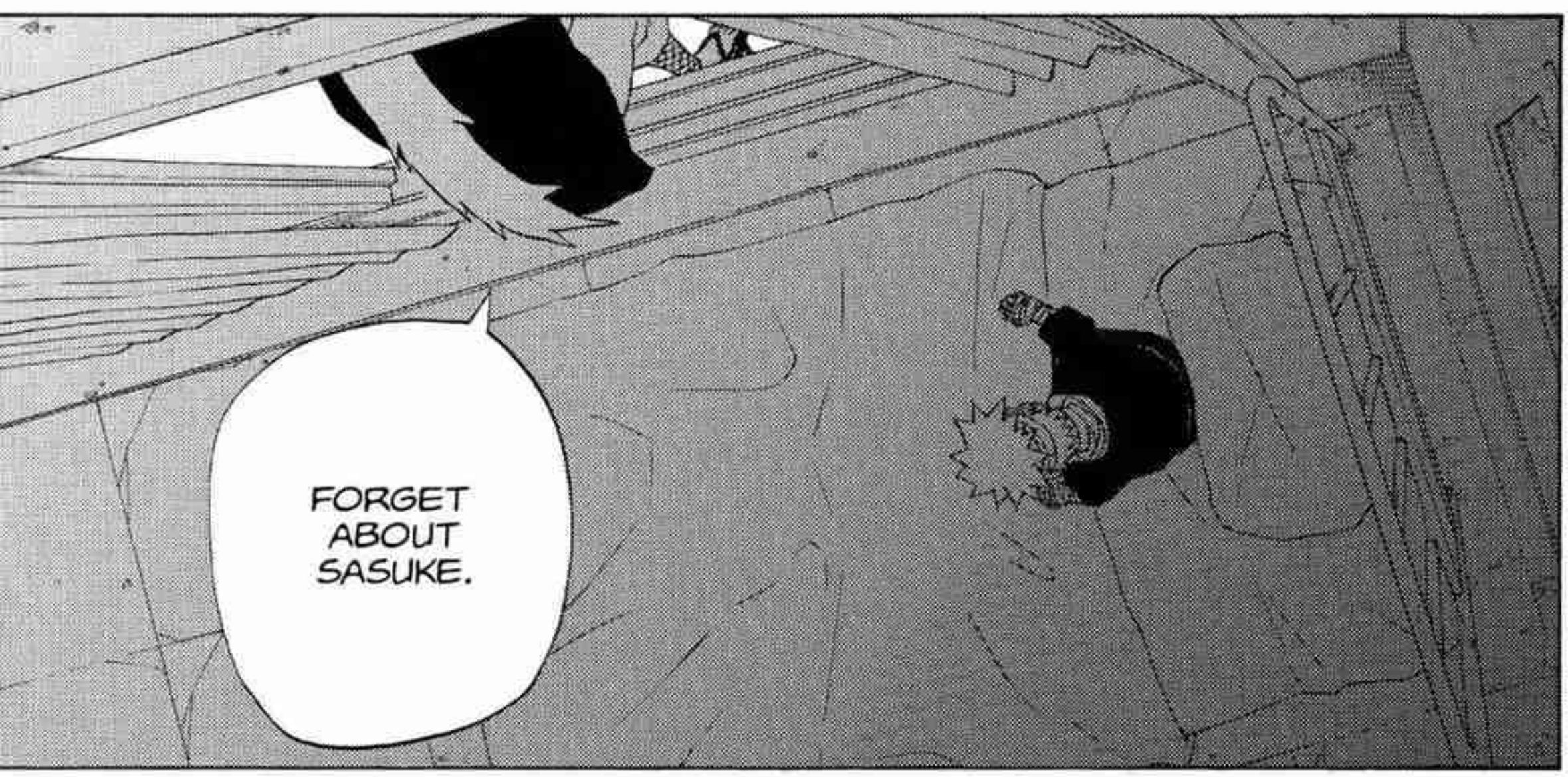
FORGET ABOUT SASUKE.

?!!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU DO FOR HIM...

HE WILL NOT CHANGE.

SASUKE WENT TO OROCHIMARU WILLINGLY...

AND SASUKE IS OF THE SAME CLOTH AS OROCHIMARU.

I KNOW THIS. I'VE SEEN SHINOBI COME AND GO.

BUT SASUKE IS MY FRIEND!!

HE MAY BE NOTHING TO YOU, PERVY SAGE...

LOOK AT WHAT HE'S DONE TO YOU!

YOU CALL HIM A FRIEND?!

...

IT'S...

IT'S...

WE'RE THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI... WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE KIDS!
WHY...
WHY YOU?
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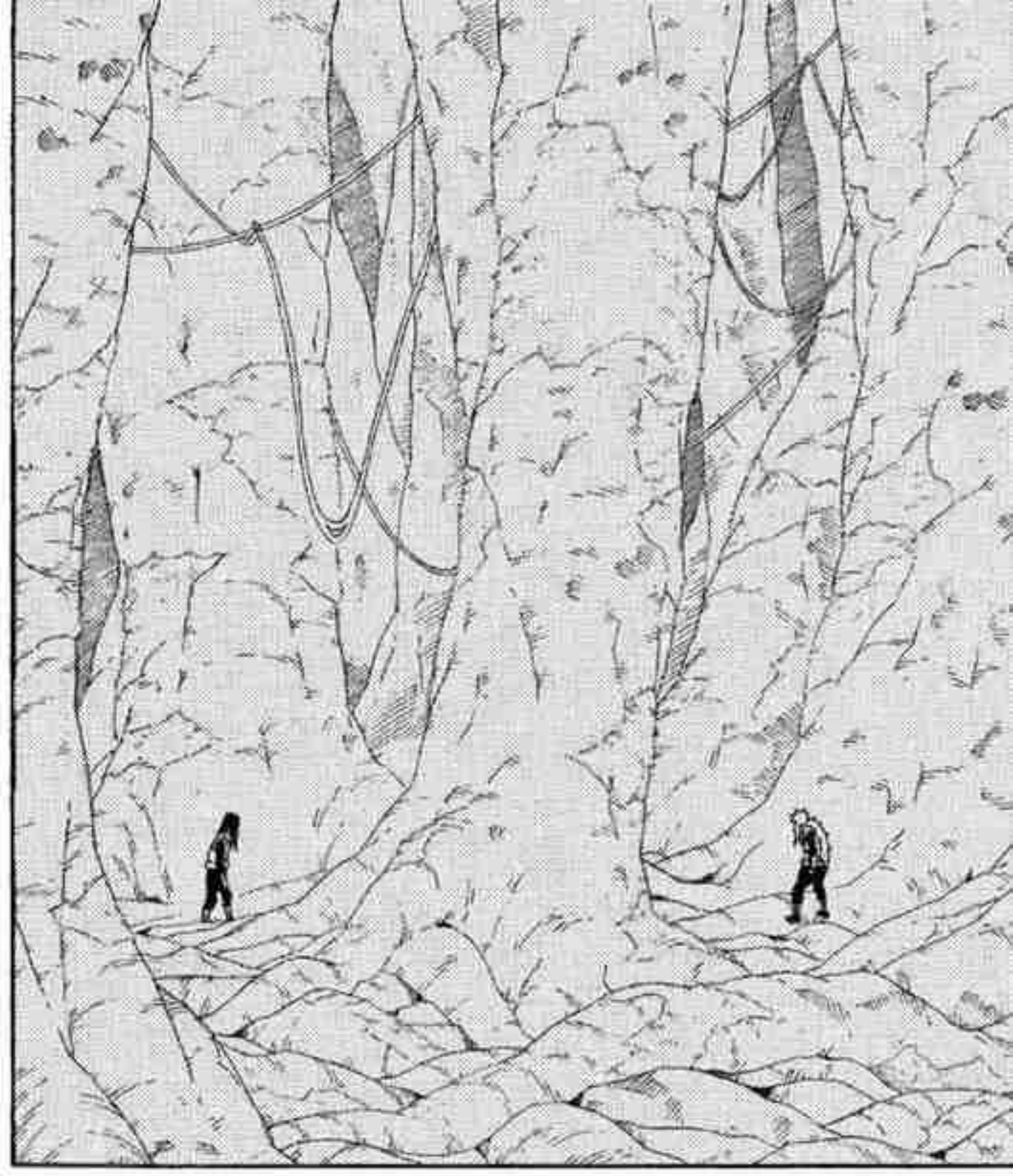
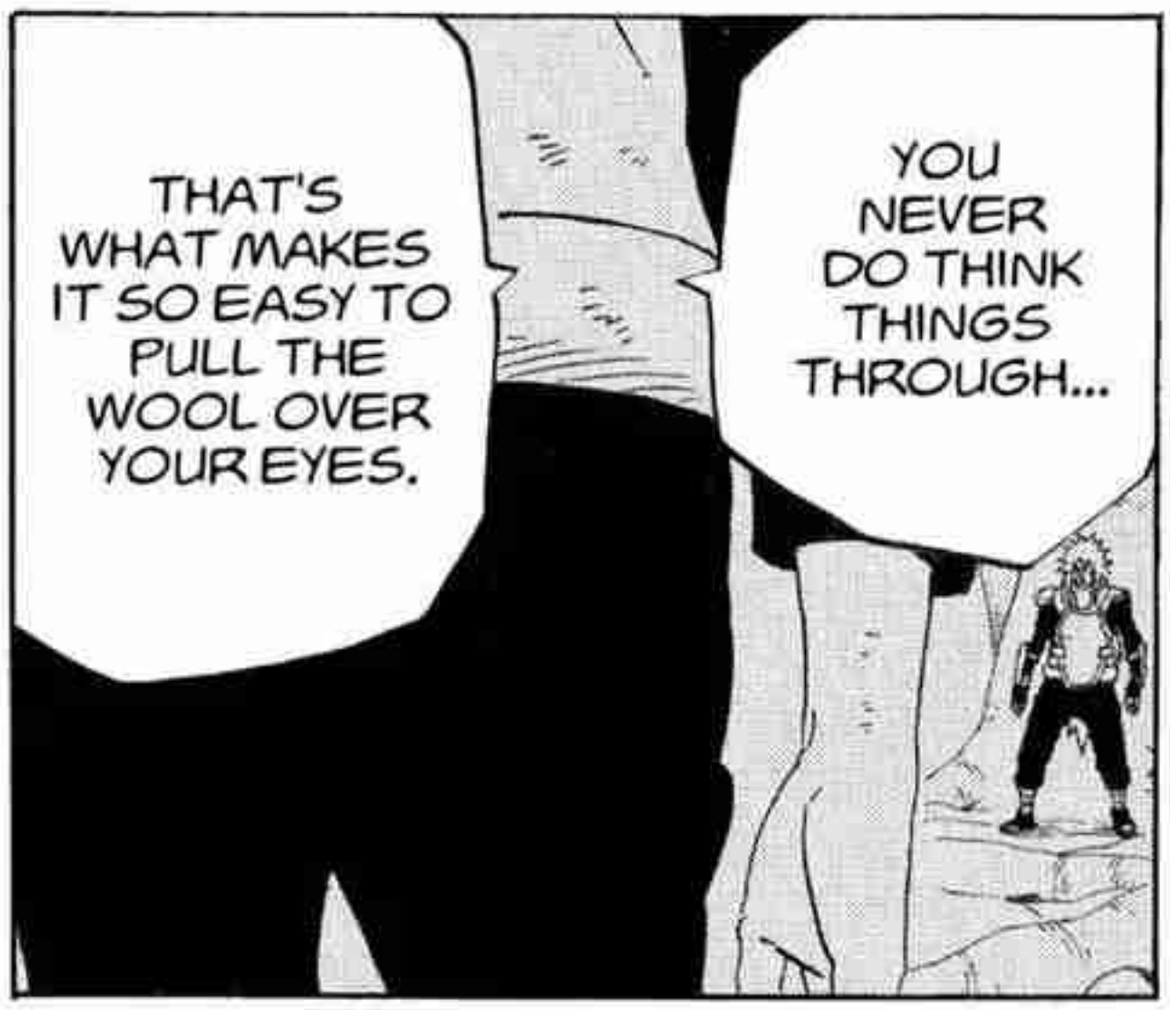
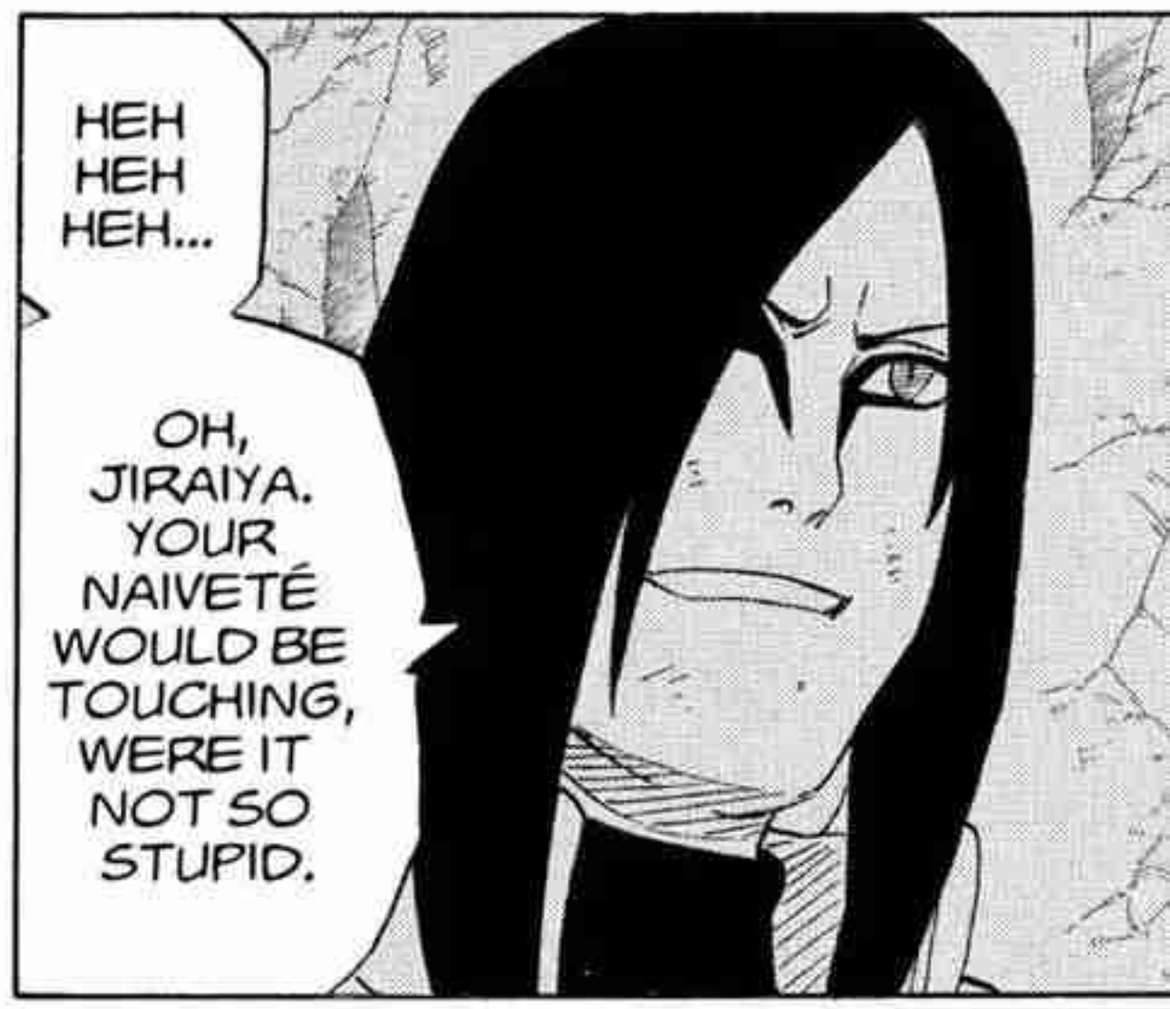
HUF
HUF



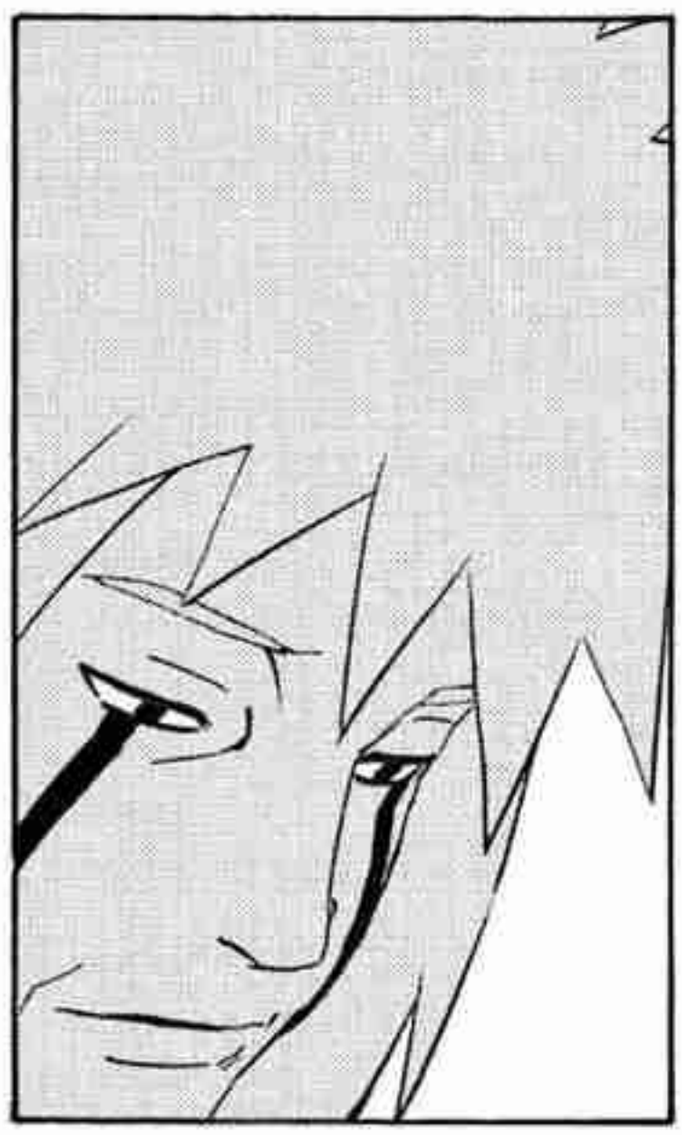

THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO EASY TO PULL THE WOOL OVER YOUR EYES.
YOU NEVER DO THINK THINGS THROUGH...


HEH HEH HEH...
OH, JIRAIYA. YOUR NAIVETÉ WOULD BE TOUCHING, WERE IT NOT SO STUPID.

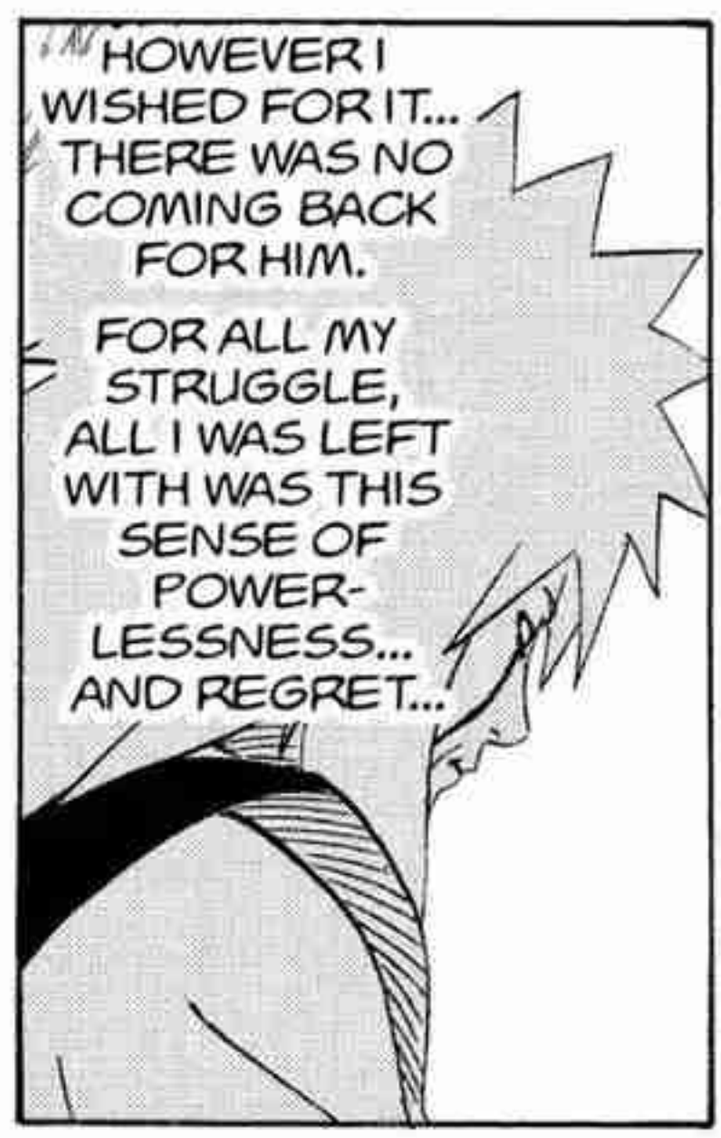
YOU'RE A JOKE...
WISH

SO, OROCHIMARU. I TAKE IT YOU WON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND, THEN?

BUT ENOUGH OF YOUR STUPIDITY.



I DON'T WANT YOU... TO TREAD THE SAME PATH.

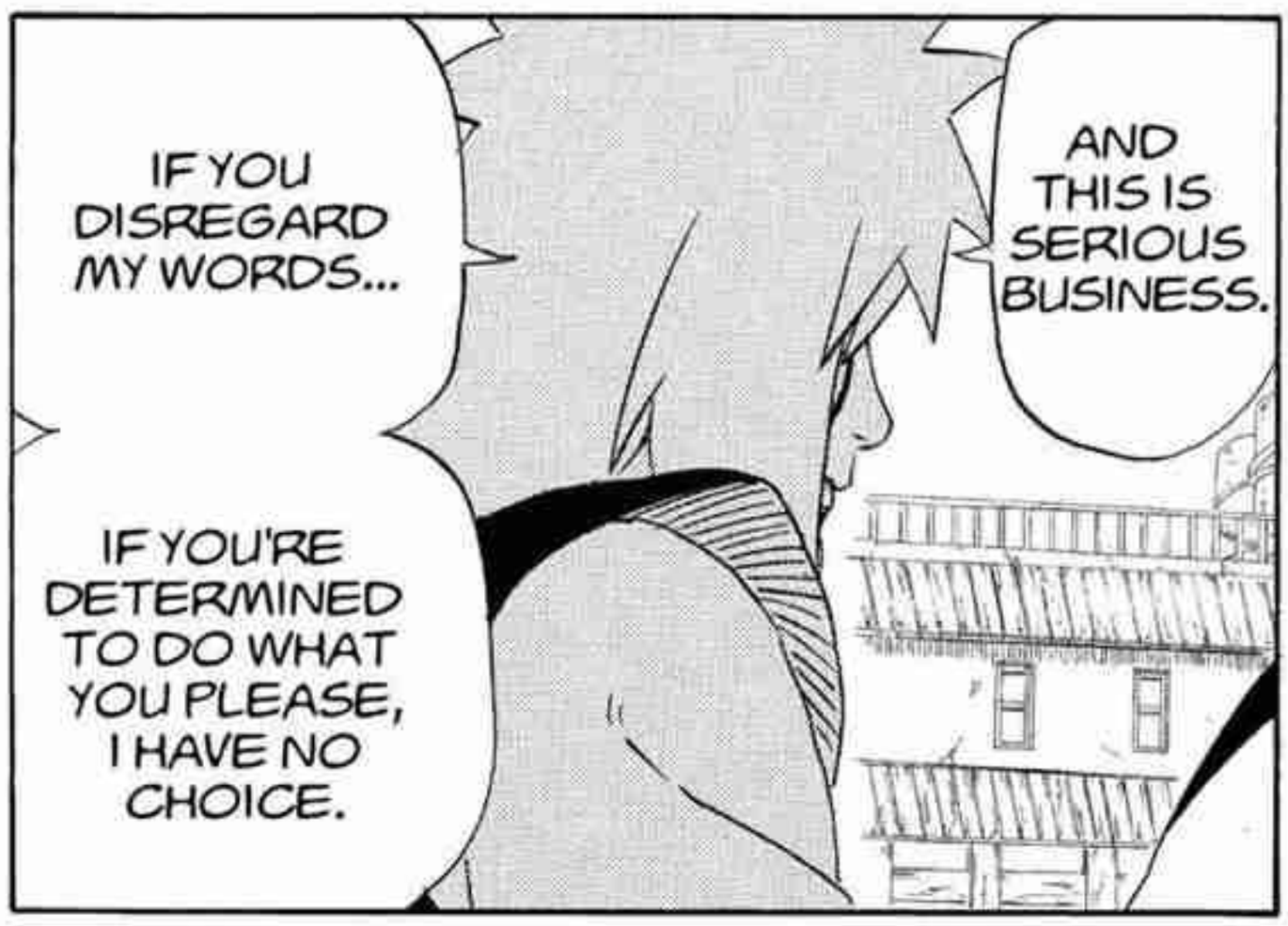

HOWEVER I WISHED FOR IT... THERE WAS NO COMING BACK FOR HIM.
FOR ALL MY STRUGGLE, ALL I WAS LEFT WITH WAS THIS SENSE OF POWER-LESSNESS... AND REGRET...

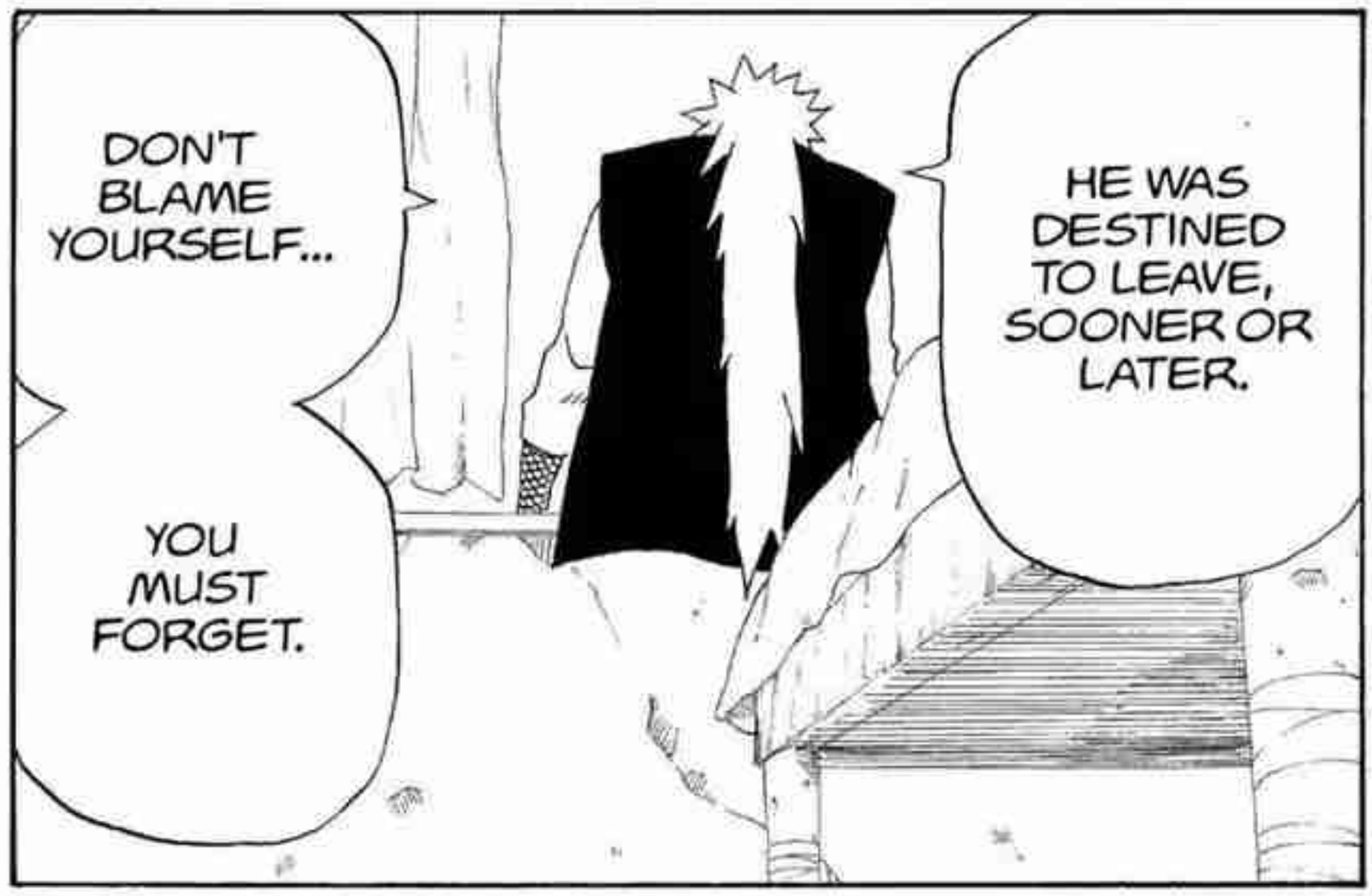
!!

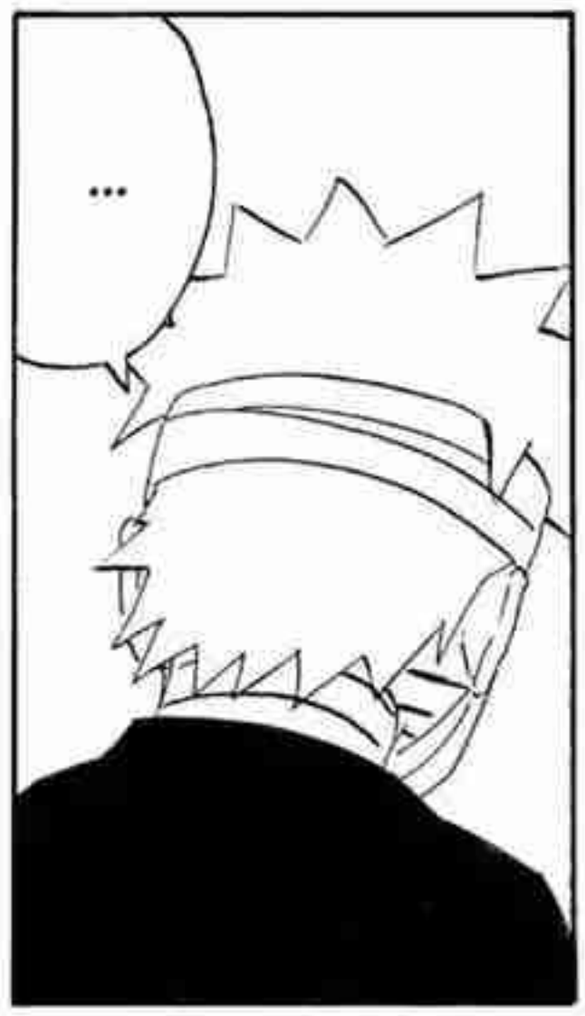
IF YOU'RE INTENT ON CHASING SASUKE, THEN FORGET THE TRAINING.
I'LL STICK THE ANBU BLACK OPS ON YOU, AND YOU'LL BE FORBIDDEN TO SET FOOT OUTSIDE KONOHA.

YOU'RE NO ORDINARY KID, NARUTO...

YOU HAVE THE NINE-TAILED FOX SPIRIT.




DON'T BLAME YOURSELF...
YOU MUST FORGET.
HE WAS DESTINED TO LEAVE, SOONER OR LATER.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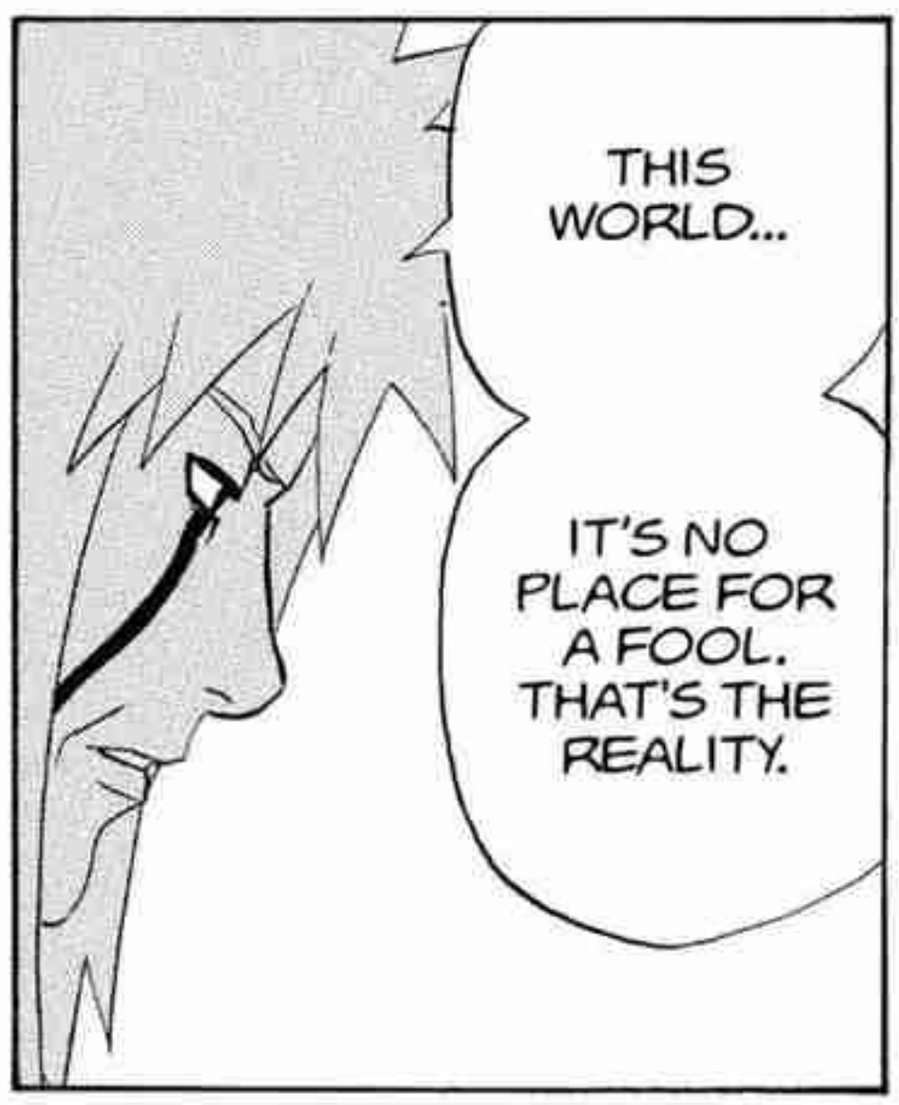
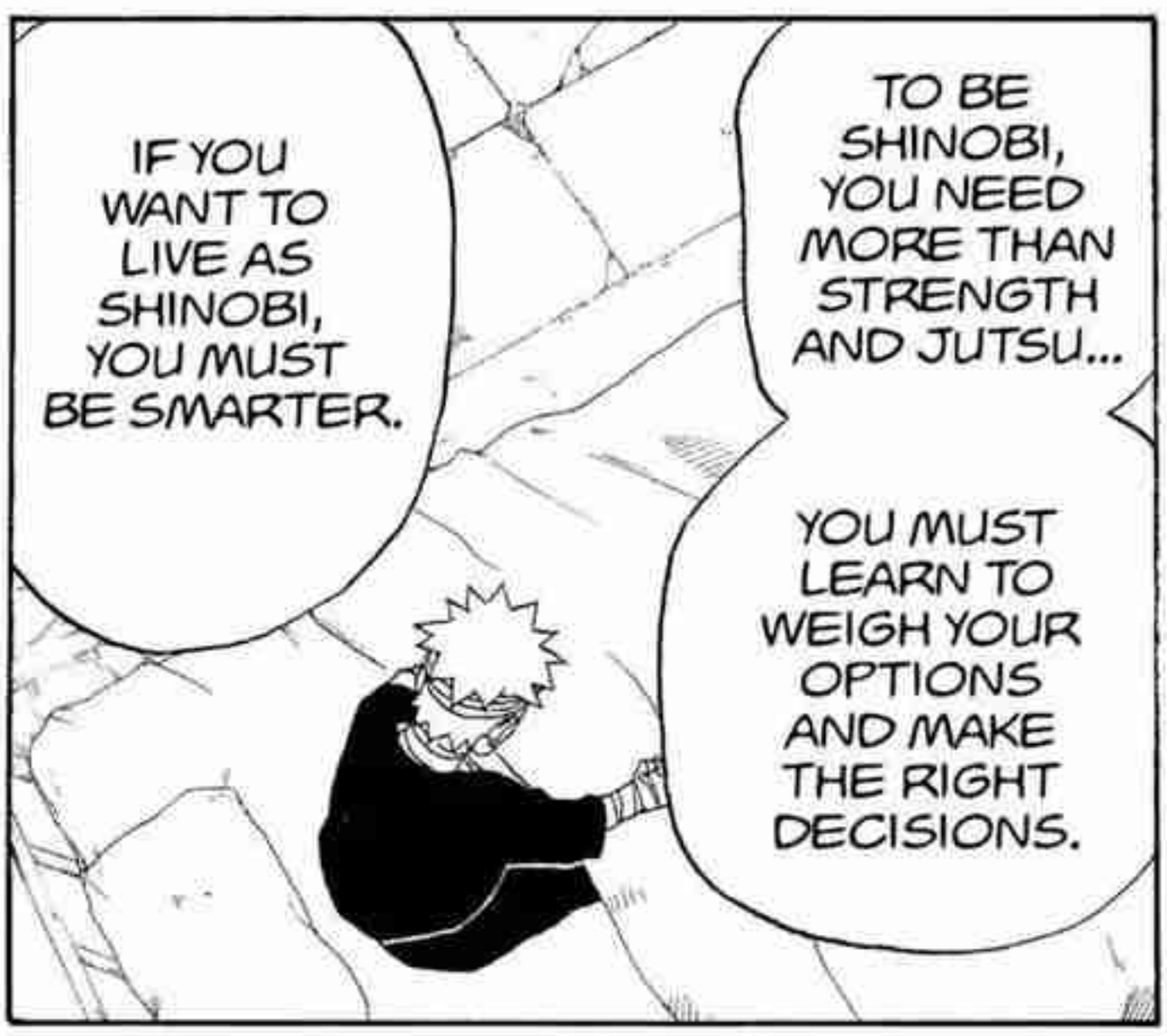

THIS WORLD...
IT'S NO PLACE FOR A FOOL. THAT'S THE REALITY.


IF YOU WANT TO LIVE AS SHINOBI, YOU MUST BE SMARTER.
TO BE SHINOBI, YOU NEED MORE THAN STRENGTH AND JUTSU...
YOU MUST LEARN TO WEIGH YOUR OPTIONS AND MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS.

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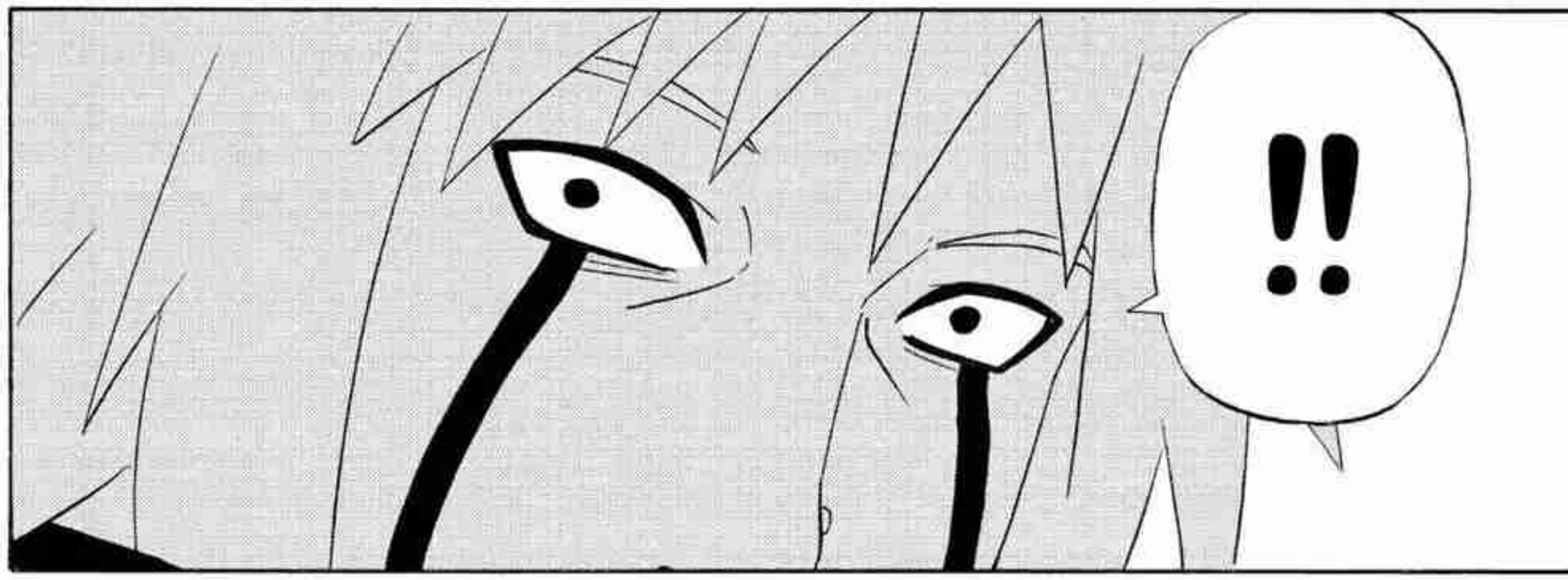
I UNDER-STAND.

...

...I'LL REMAIN A FOOL MY ENTIRE LIFE.

IF BEING SMART MEANS WHAT YOU SAY...



READ THIS WAY
AND, AND...
I'M GONNA SMACK DOWN THE AKATSUKI!!
AND I'M GONNA RESCUE SASUKE, NO MATTER WHAT!
EVEN IF I'VE GOT TO DO IT ALONE...
I'M GONNA SPIN SOME INCREDIBLE JUTSU...
!
...
...
...

...YOU WILL RETURN WITH NOTHING, IF YOU RETURN AT ALL.

IF YOU TRY THIS ON YOUR OWN...

WHEN YOU'RE DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL, BE READY, FOOLISH ONE.

BUT YOU ARE A CERTAIN KIND OF FOOL... THAT IS TRUE. AND A FOOL AS GREAT AS YOU ARE MAY WELL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THIS...

ALL RIGHT THEN...

OKAY!!

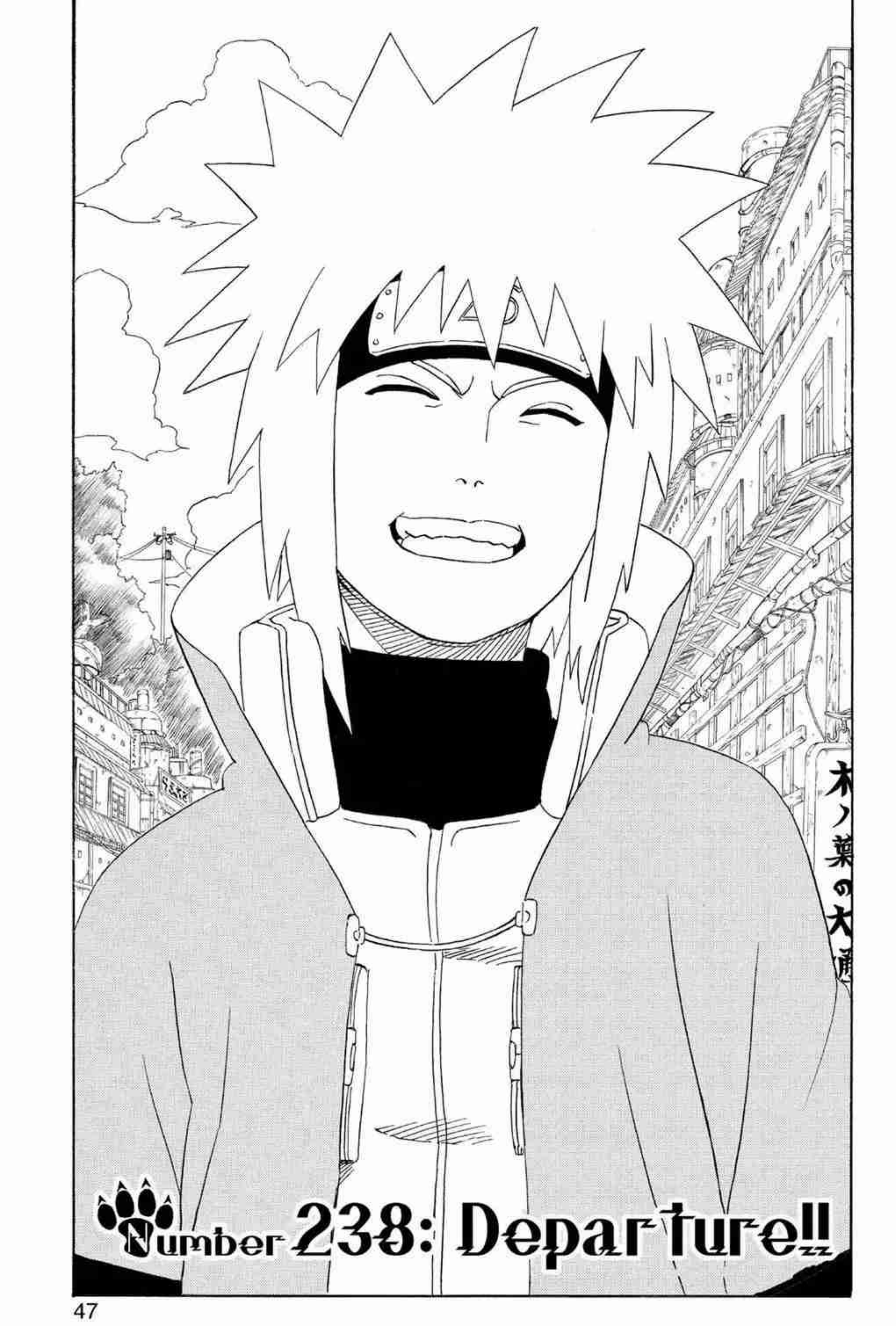
THE WORLD OF MASASHI KISHIMOTO
PERSONAL HISTORY: SPECIAL FRIENDS, PART 2

I ALSO TOOK CARE TO PERFECT THE PRESENTATION BY MAKING SURETHAT MOST ALL THE SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS WE DREW WERE RUINED BY THE JET-BLACK INK. WHEN MY ASSISTANT WOKE FROM HIS NAP, THE FIRST WORDS OUT OF HIS MOUTH WERE "**WHAT THE...?!**"

AND ME? I GUFFAWED. "AH HA HA! STUNNED, ARE YOU?! IT'S WHAT YOU CALL SHOCK THERAPY!" I ALWAYS TELL HIM THE TRUTH RIGHT OFF LIKE THAT. IT'S ALL INTENDED TO SOFTEN THE TENSION, THOUGH AT TIMES IT DOES BACKFIRE...

FOR ME, MY ASSISTANTS ARE WHAT FEW FRIENDS I HAVE LEFT.

YOU TOO SHOULD TREASURE YOUR FRIENDS.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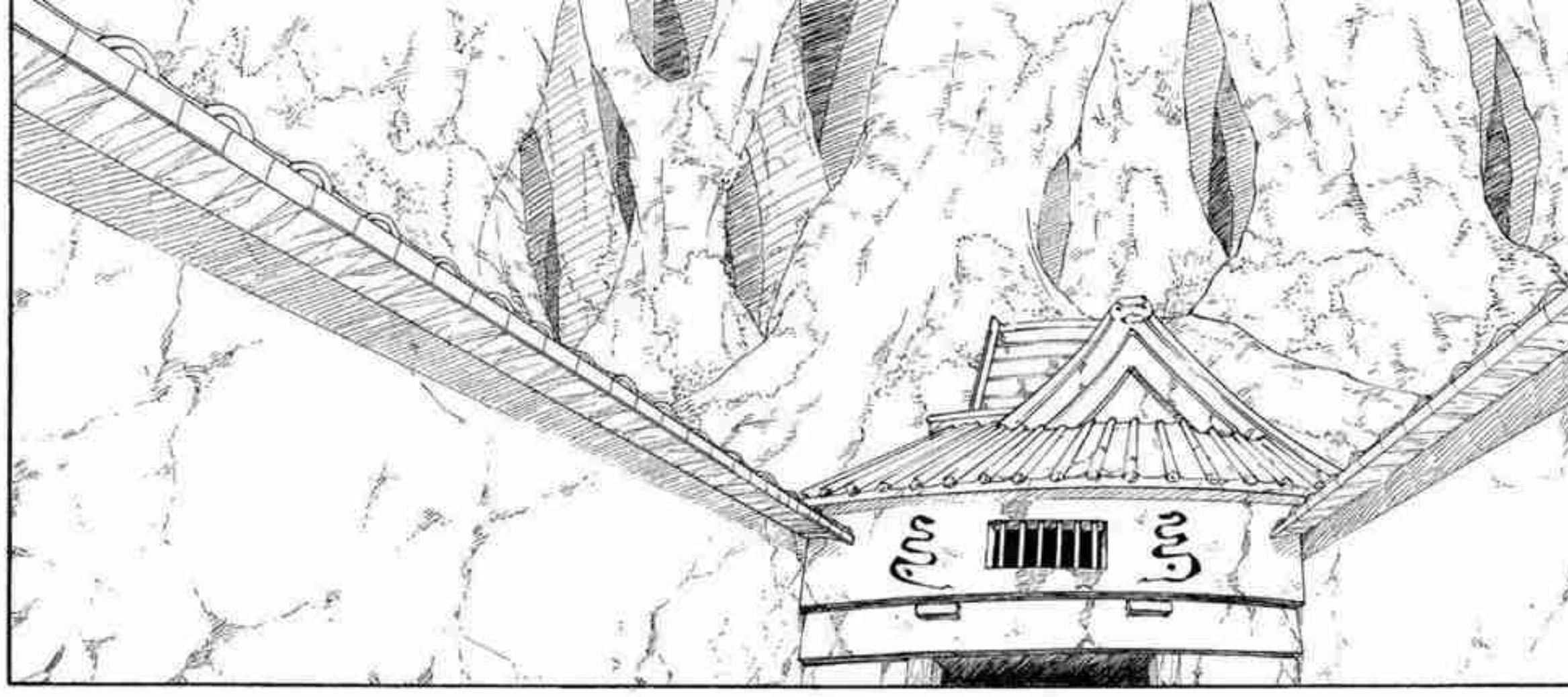
Number 238: Departure!!



TEP
TEP

JUST GIVE ME THE POWER.
I DON'T CARE...

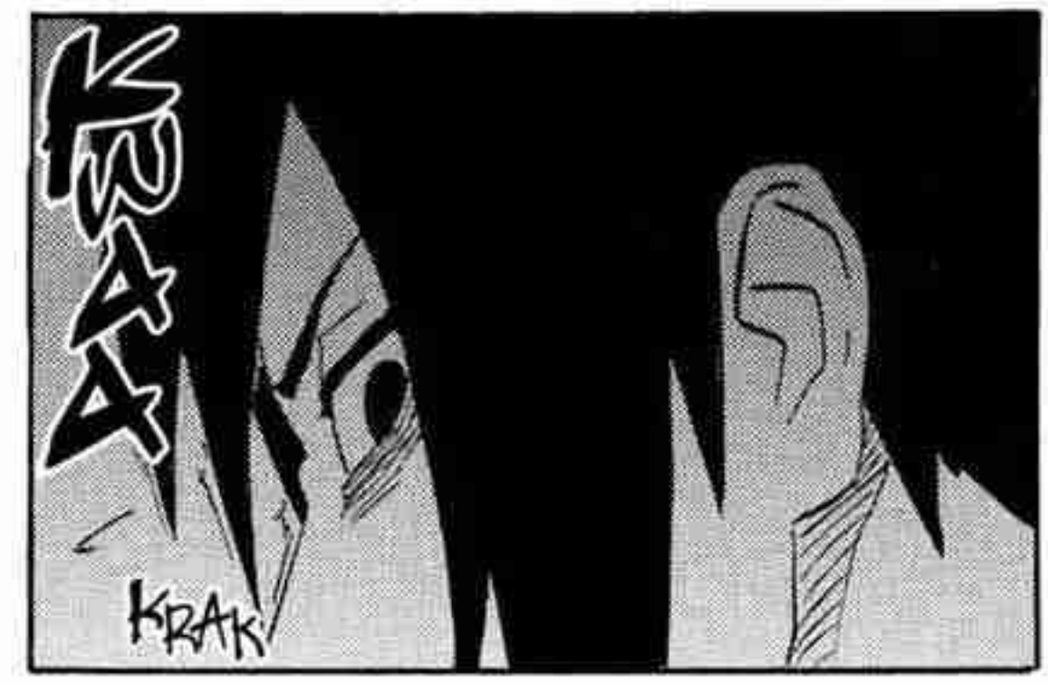
YOU ARE THE CHOSEN ONE.
HEH HEH... SASUKE.

SHIVER

GRRR

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, YOU'D BEST WATCH YOUR MOUTH.
SST
HE MAY NOT LOOK IT...
BUT THE MAN BEFORE YOU IS LORD OROCHIMARU.

WHAT, IS THIS CHAKRA I FEEL?
!!
WHA... WHAT?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MY FUTURE LIES WITH THIS BOY...
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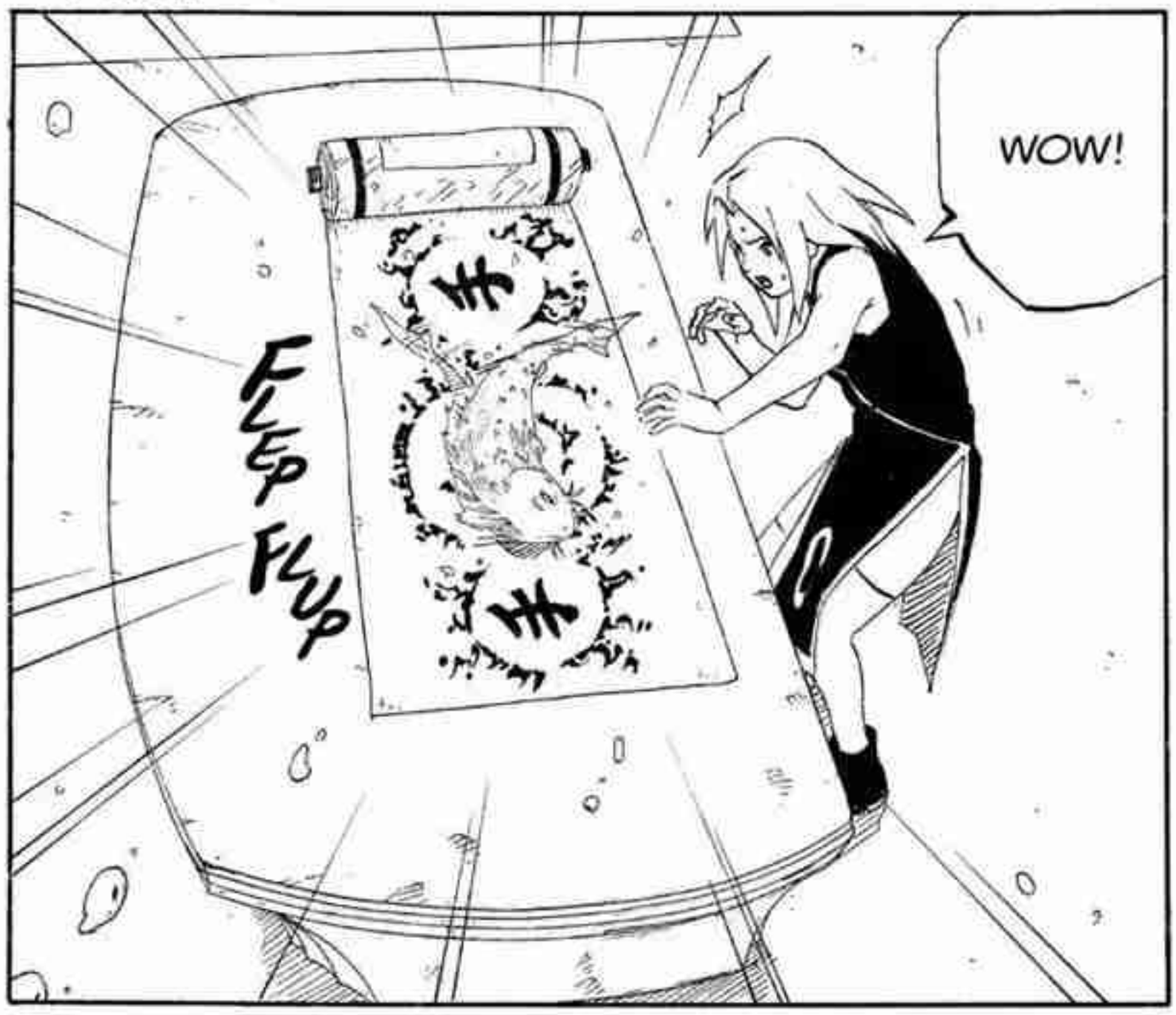
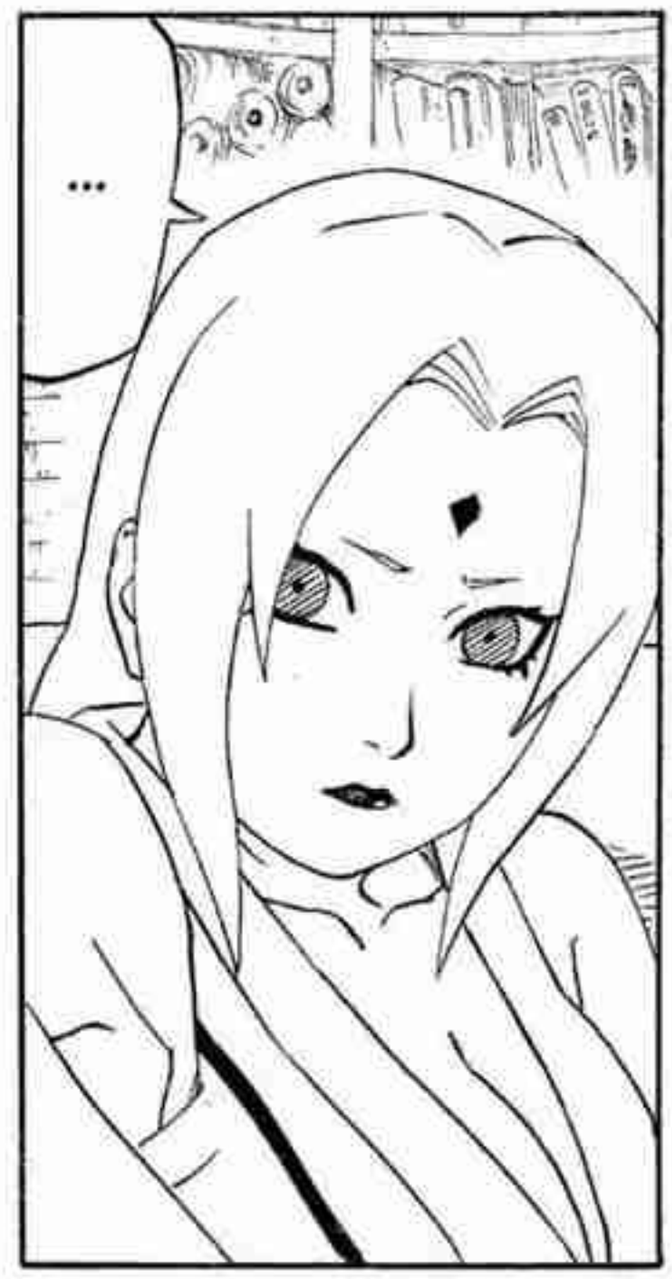

WOW!
FLUP FLUP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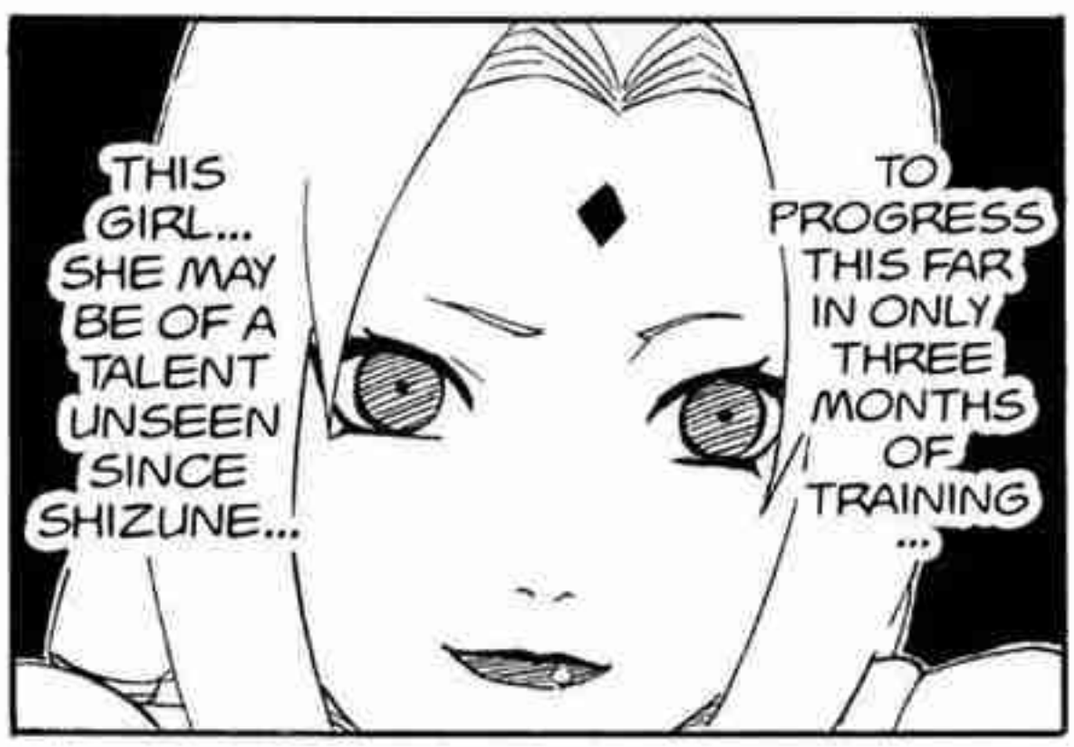
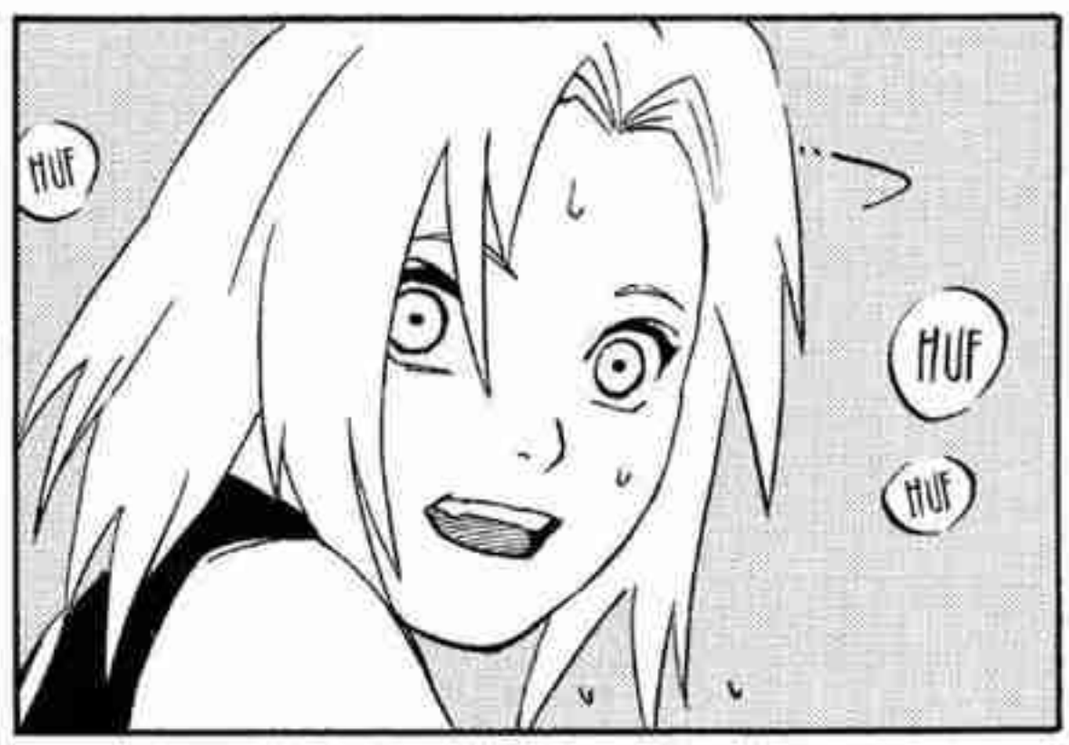

THIS GIRL... SHE MAY BE OF A TALENT UNSEEN SINCE SHIZUNE...
TO PROGRESS THIS FAR IN ONLY THREE MONTHS OF TRAINING ...


HUF
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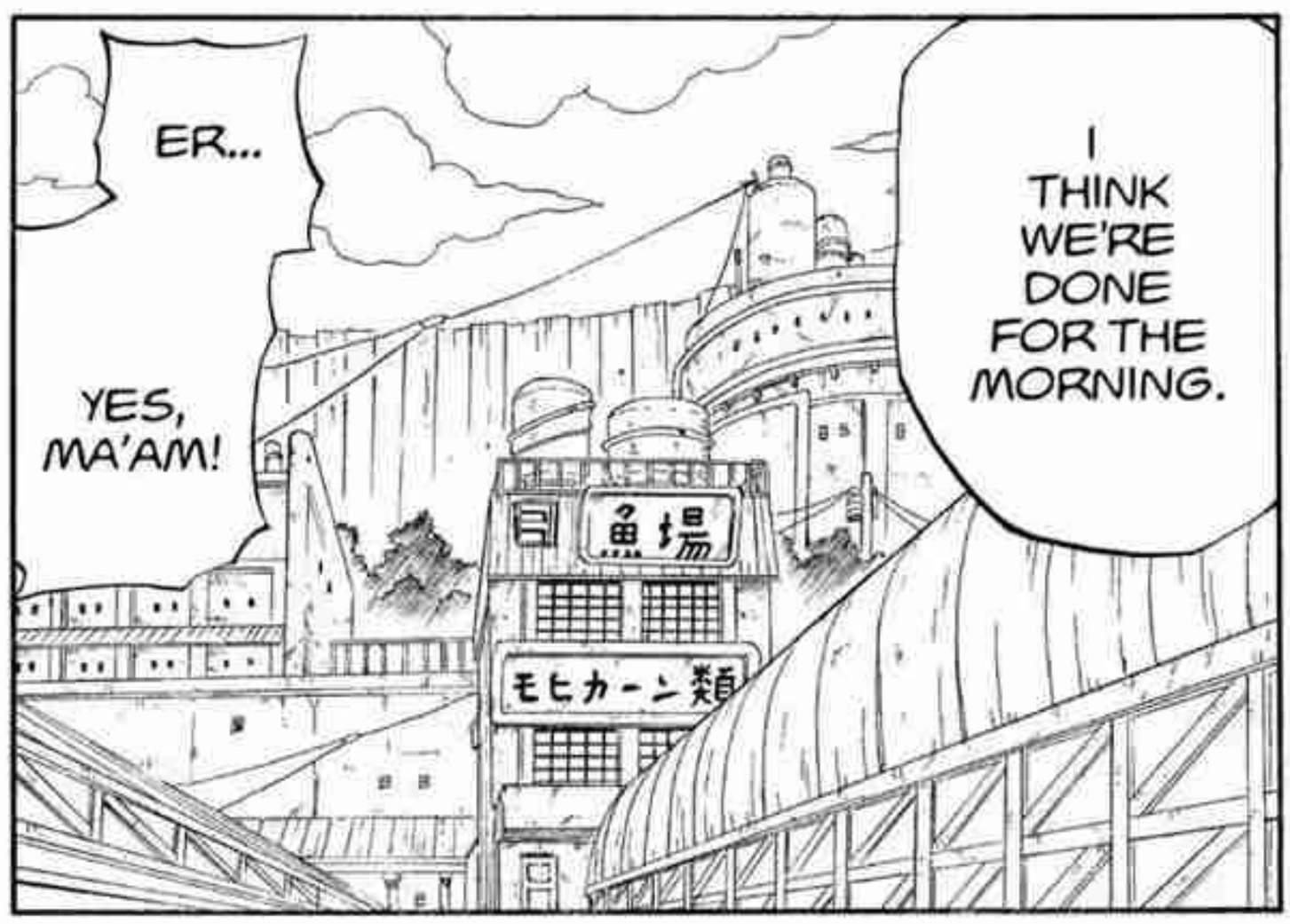
ER...
YES, MA'AM!
I THINK WE'RE DONE FOR THE MORNING.
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IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO JOIN ME ON A STROLL...

TEP TEP

WAIT WUIT!

IT WAS... SOMETHING ELSE!

I MEAN, WORDS CAN'T EVEN DESCRIBE IT.

SO HOW DID THE MISSION GO?

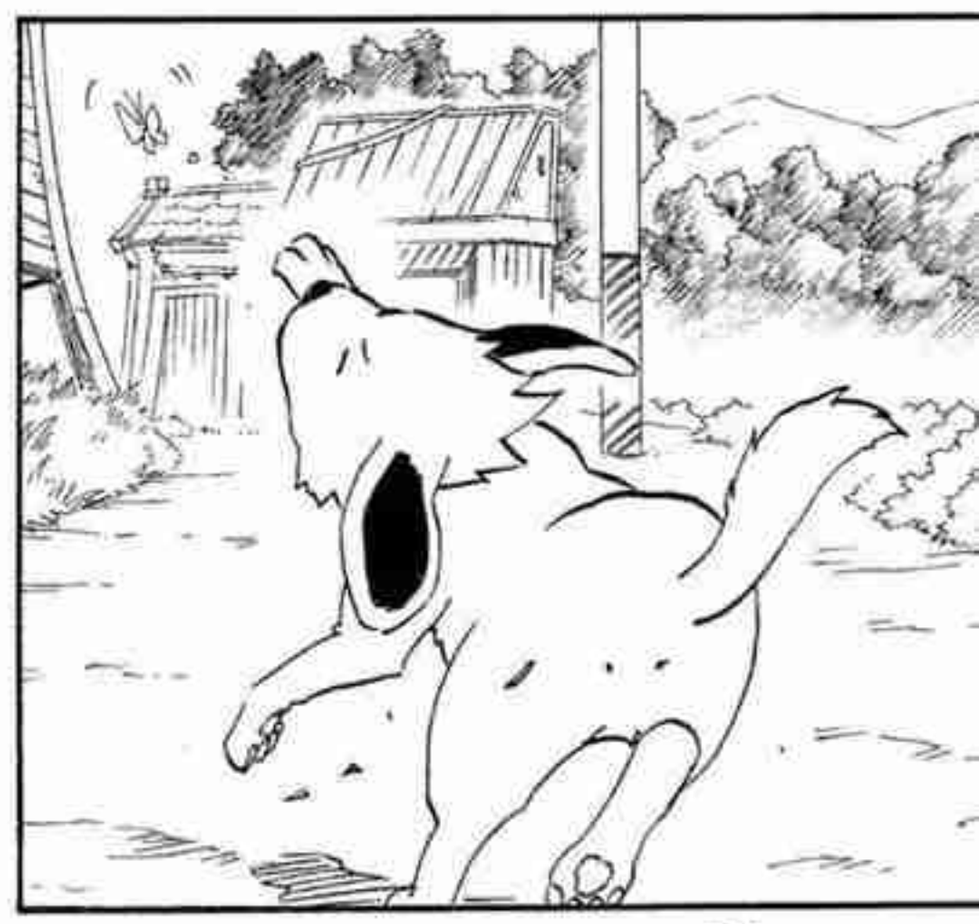
TELL ME ABOUT IT.

ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE GOING TO MEET LATER ANYWAY, AT MASTER KURENAI'S...

SPENDING THE TIME TO CHAT NOW AND THEN... IT'S PART OF BUILDING TEAMWORK.

I'LL NEVER EVER LET AKAMARU EXPERIENCE THAT AGAIN...

I GOTTA POLISH MY JUTSU A BUNCH MORE...



READ THIS WAY
...
!
AGAIN, THAT'S WHAT TEAMWORK IS ALL ABOUT.
YES, WELL... TELL ME ANYWAY.
GRRR
...
TEP TEP
YOU...
YOU'RE NOT SULKING, ARE YOU, OVER MISSING OUT ON IT?
HUF
UNTIL I CAN SEE ALL THE WAY...
HUF
THERE HAS TO BE MORE, FARTHER UP...
YAH!
YAH!
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HYAH!
(SIGN: HYUGA)

YES. NEJI... LET'S TAKE A BREAK.

TONK

LADY HINATA.
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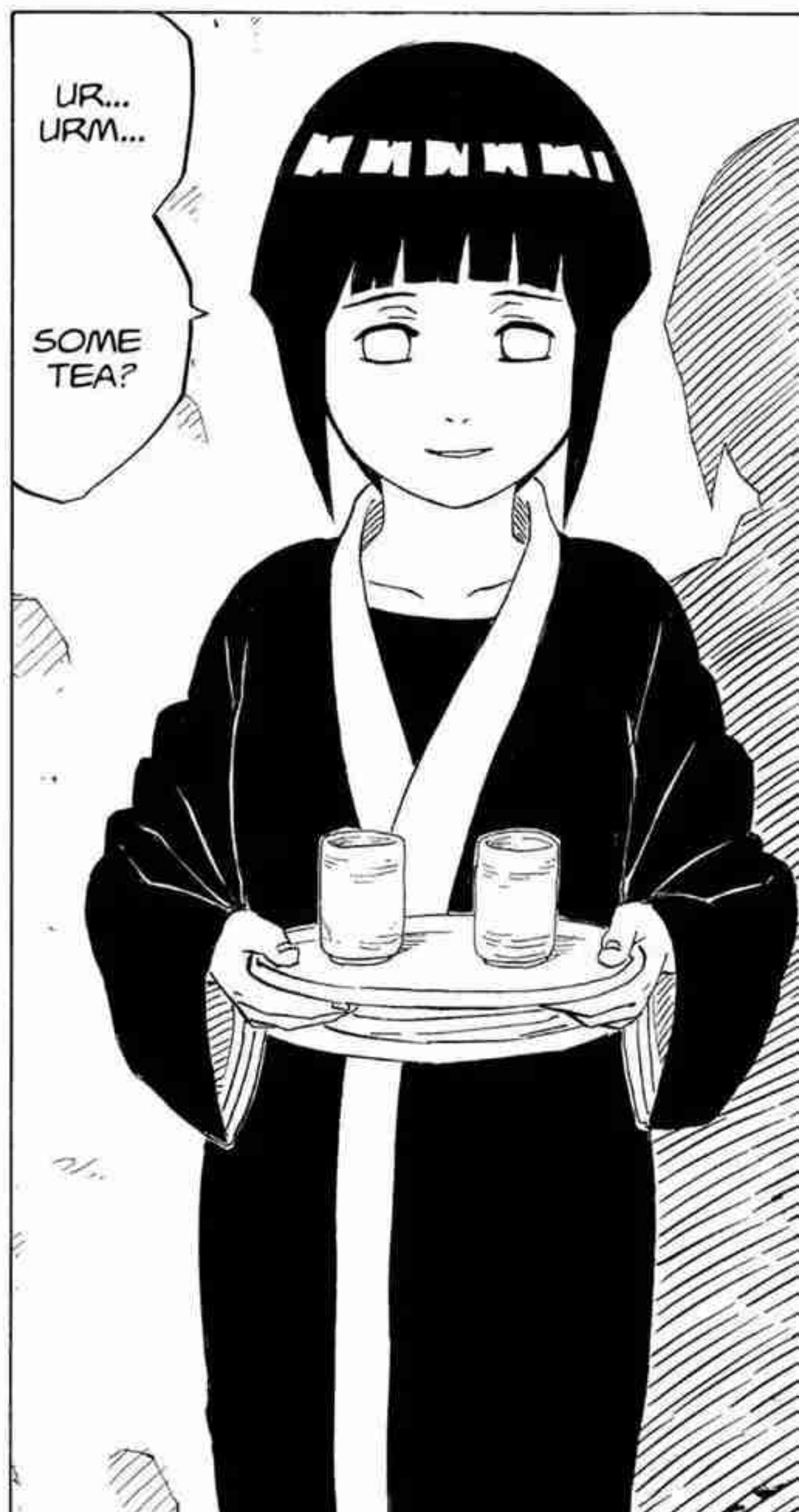

UR... URM...
SOME TEA?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR?!

URM... WELL...
...

NARUTO IS LEAVING THE VILLAGE TODAY FOR TRAINING.
ARE YOU GOING TO SEE HIM OFF?

AND WHEN SHE SAW HIM BANDAGED ALL OVER...
...SHE FAINTED DEAD AWAY.
...!
SHK
SHK
HINATA VISITED NARUTO AT THE HOSPITAL.

KIBA... PLEASE...
AH HA HA HA.

SHE'S SO EMBARRASSED, SHE CAN'T EVEN SHOW HER FACE TO HIM.

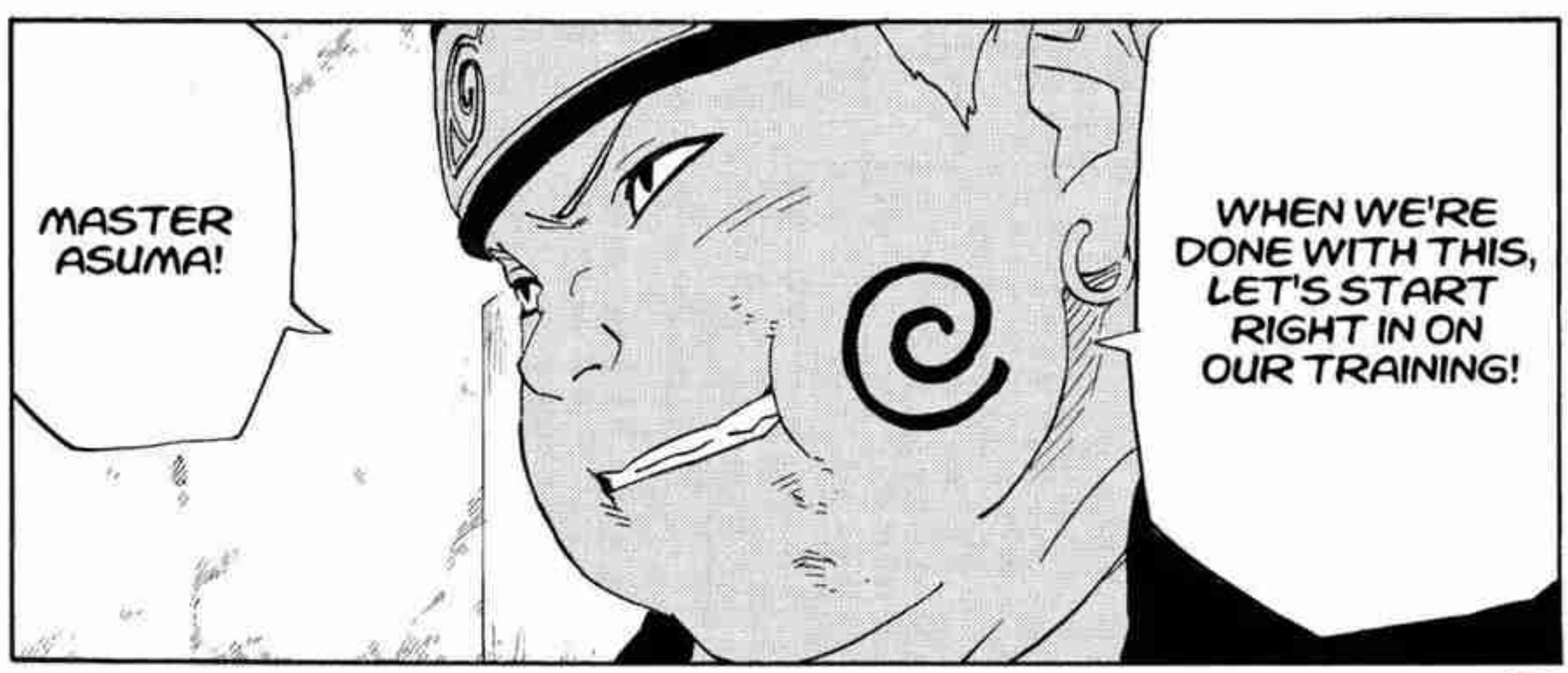
CHOFF

CHOFF

BUT YOU SURE BOUNCED BACK LIKE A CHAMP.
YOU KNOW, WHEN THEY LET YOU OUT OF THE HOSPITAL YOU LOOKED KINDA NICE AND THIN...

WITH THAT KIND OF APPETITE, I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR BODY ANYMORE.

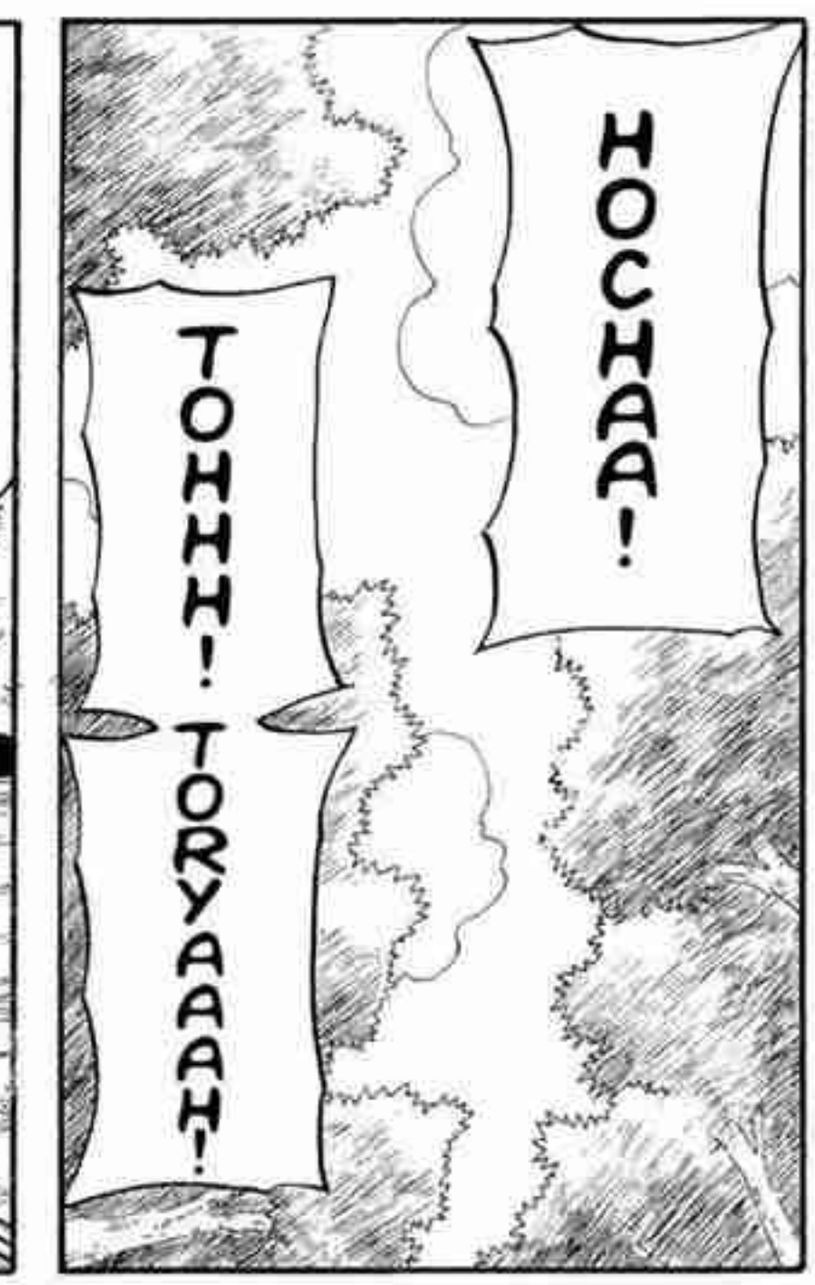
MUNCH
MUNCH
KSHHHH


MASTER ASUMA!
WHEN WE'RE DONE WITH THIS, LET'S START RIGHT IN ON OUR TRAINING!

...

ARE YOU... INSANE?!
GET REAL!
YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING!!

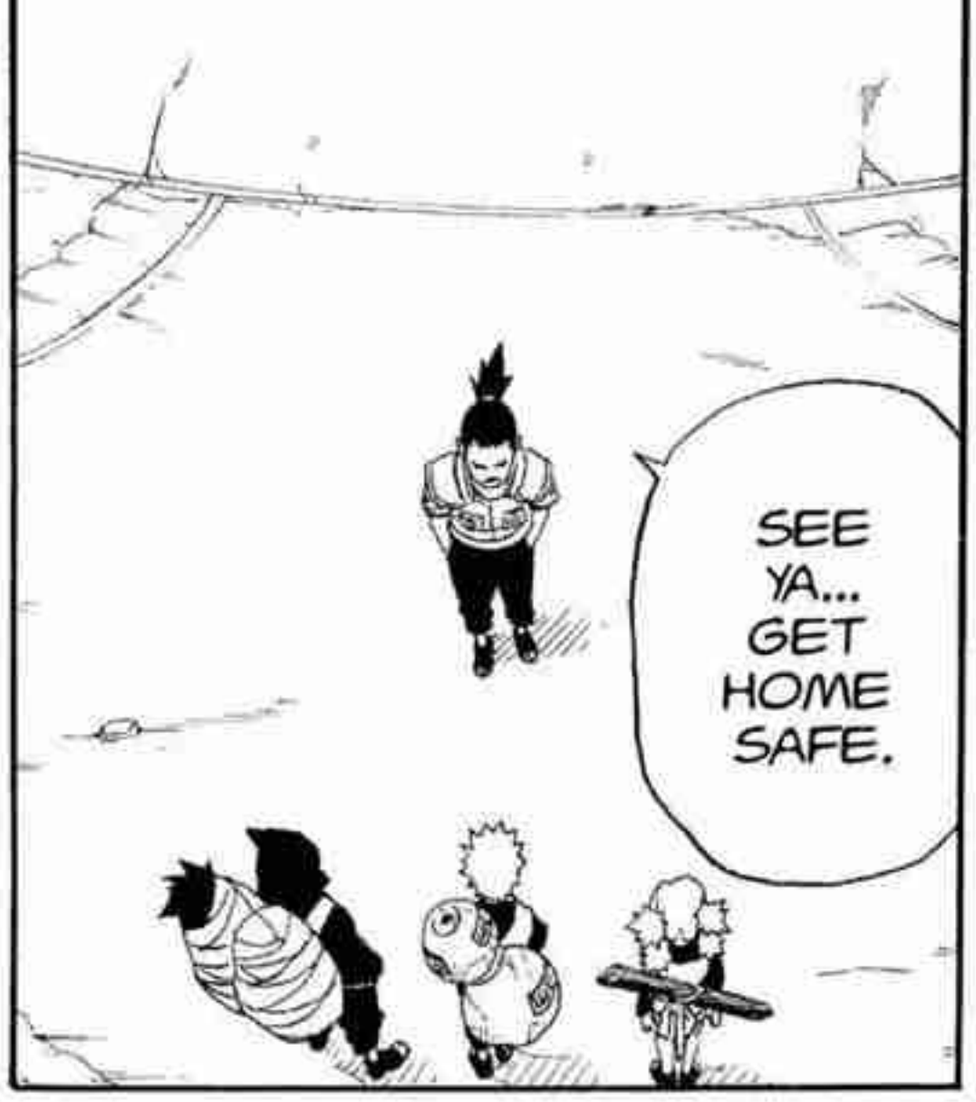
HEY, LEE... LET'S TAKE A BREAK...
FWSSH

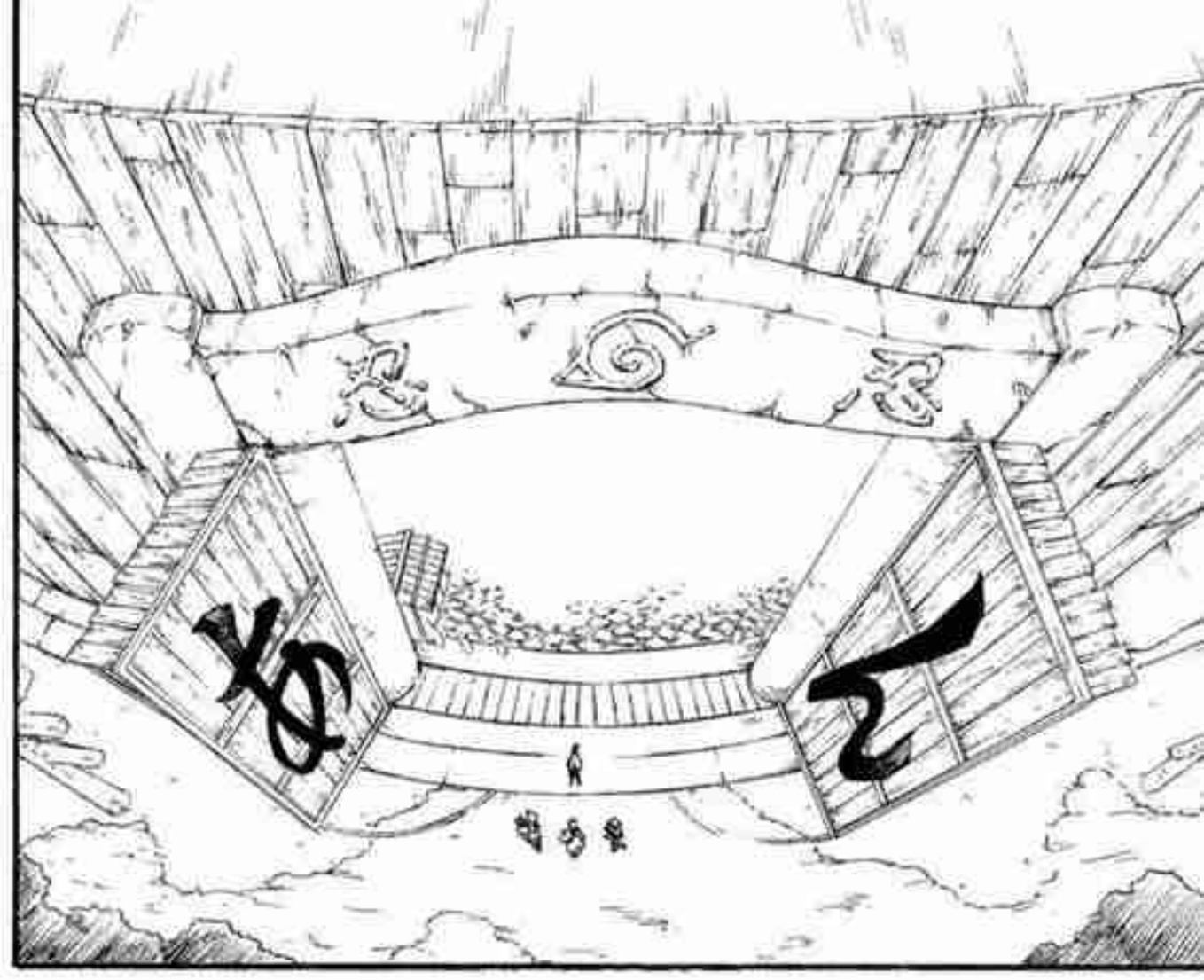

HOCHAA!
TOHHH! TORYAAAH!

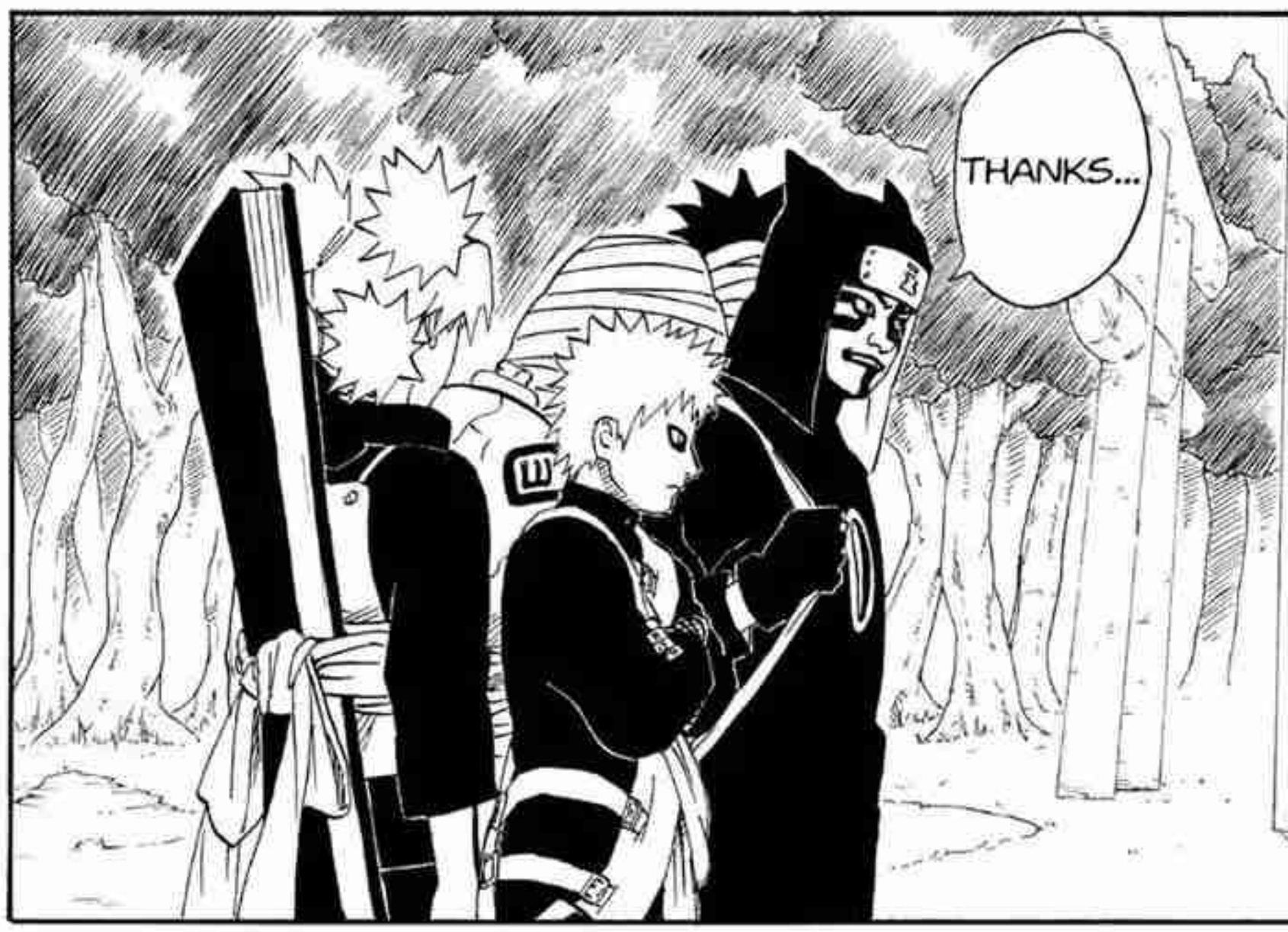
...

HEE-YAH!!
YAH! YAH!
AW AWCH...
I THINK MY SPRING-TIME IS ALREADY PAST...

THE SPRINGTIME OF OUR YOUTH CAN'T LAST FOREVER!
C'MON, MASTER GUY!!

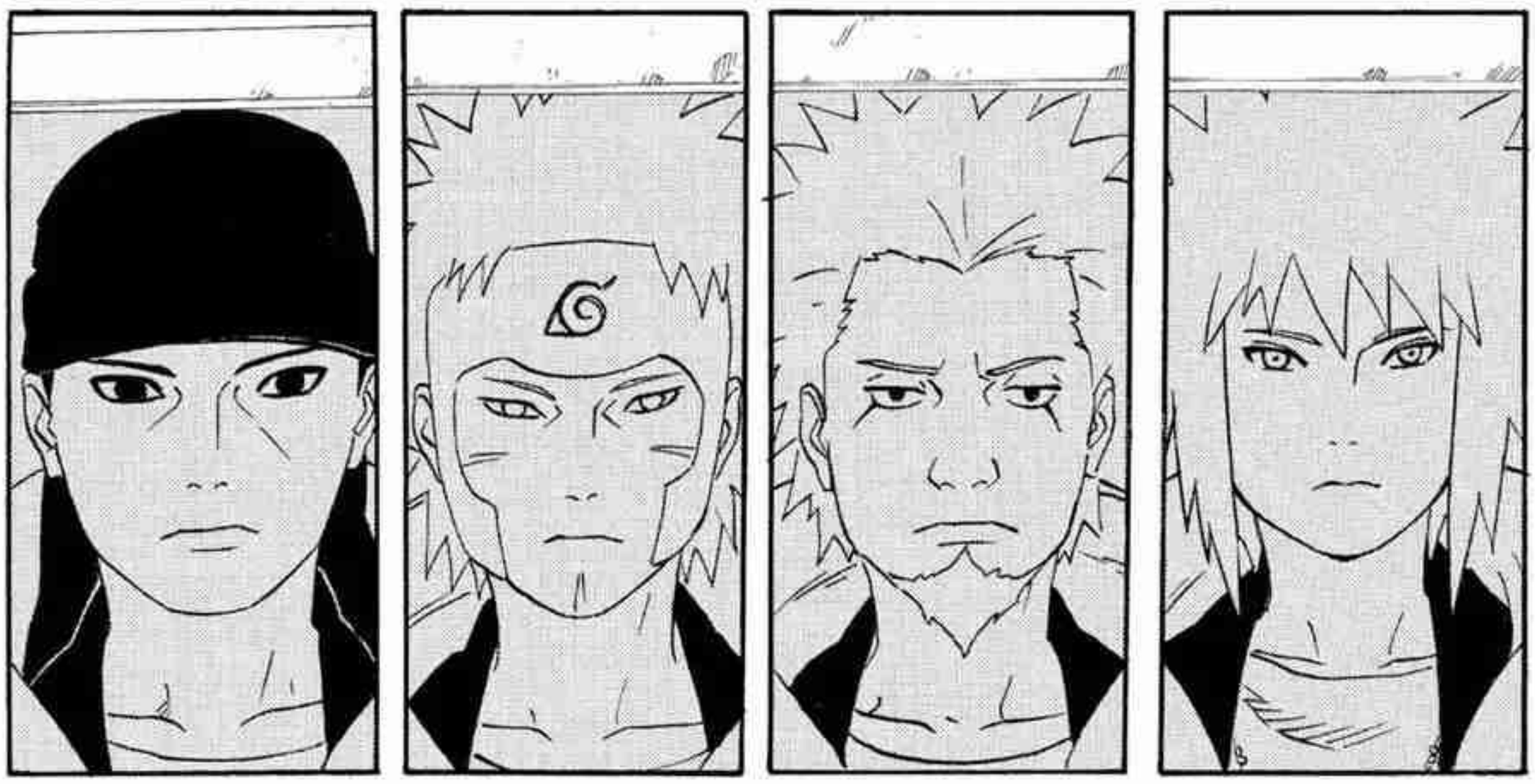

SEE YA... GET HOME SAFE.

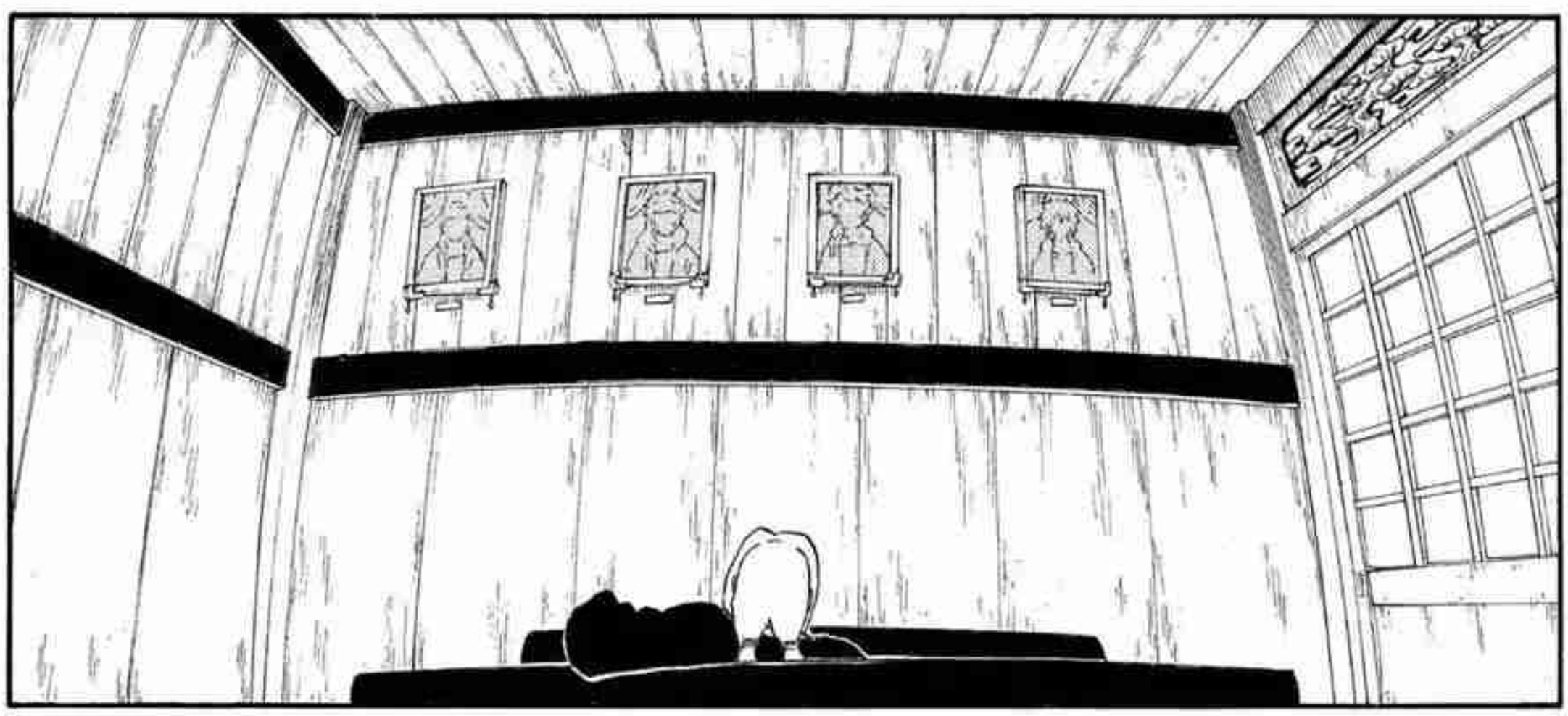



THANKS...

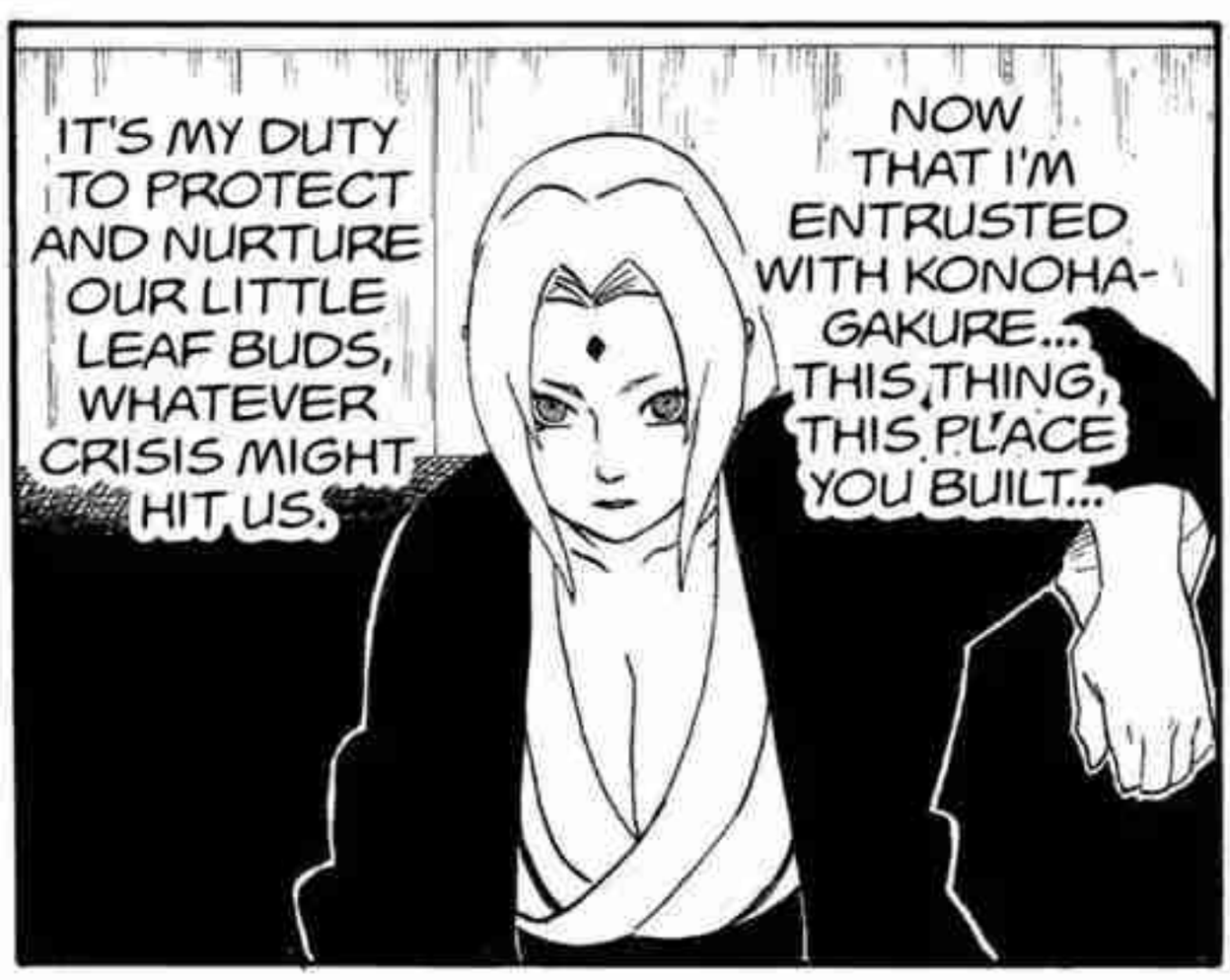
THAT'S WHAT MAKES GIRLS SO WEIRD...
JUST ONE WORD TOO FAR...

IF ANYTHING COMES UP, JUST DING US...
WE'LL HELP YOU OUT. GOT IT, CRYBABY?





THIS HOKAGE BUSINESS IS TOUGHER THAN IT LOOKS...


IT'S MY DUTY TO PROTECT AND NURTURE OUR LITTLE LEAF BUDS, WHATEVER CRISIS MIGHT HIT US.
NOW THAT I'M ENTRUSTED WITH KONOHA-GAKURE... THIS THING, THIS PLACE YOU BUILT...

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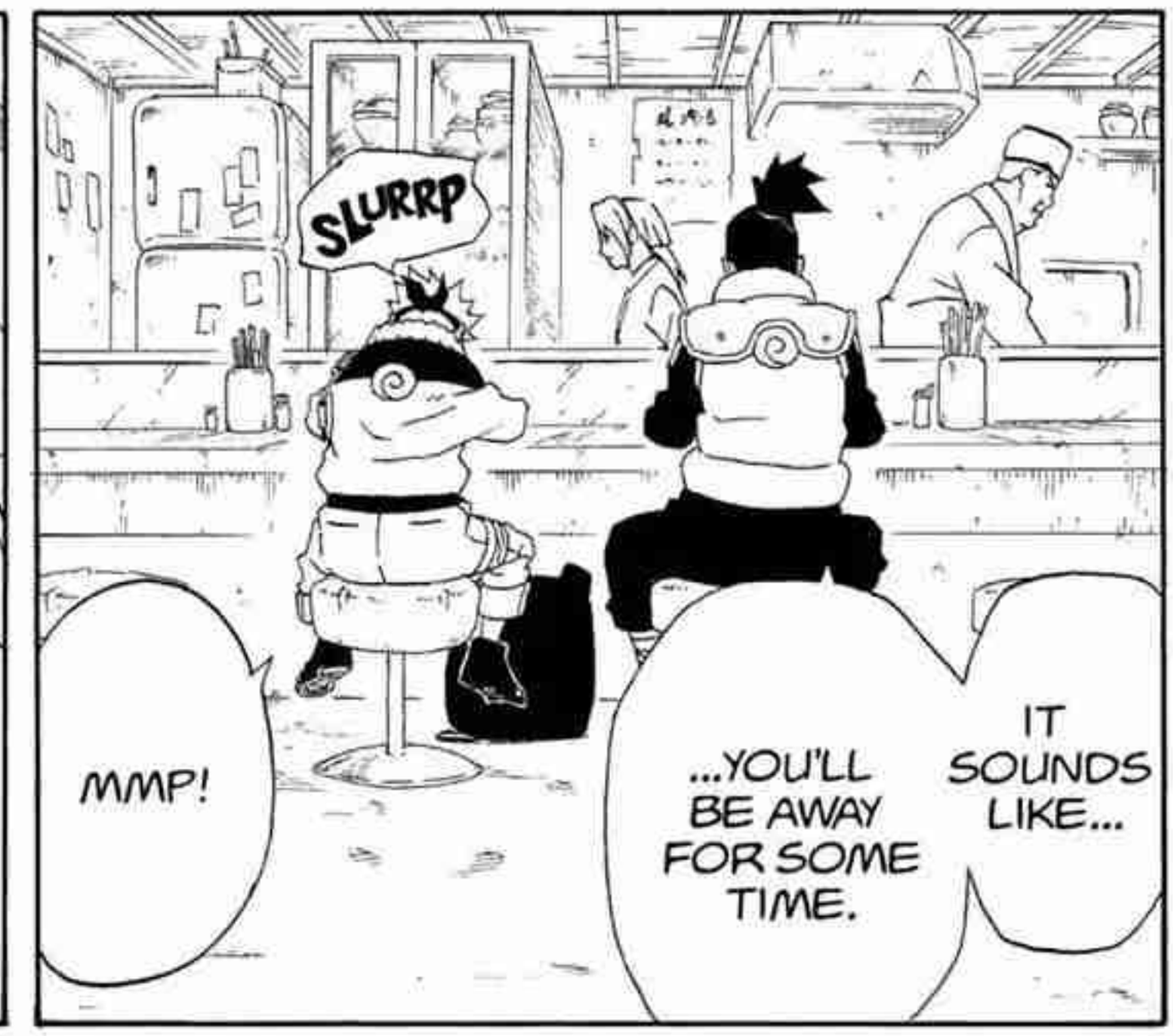
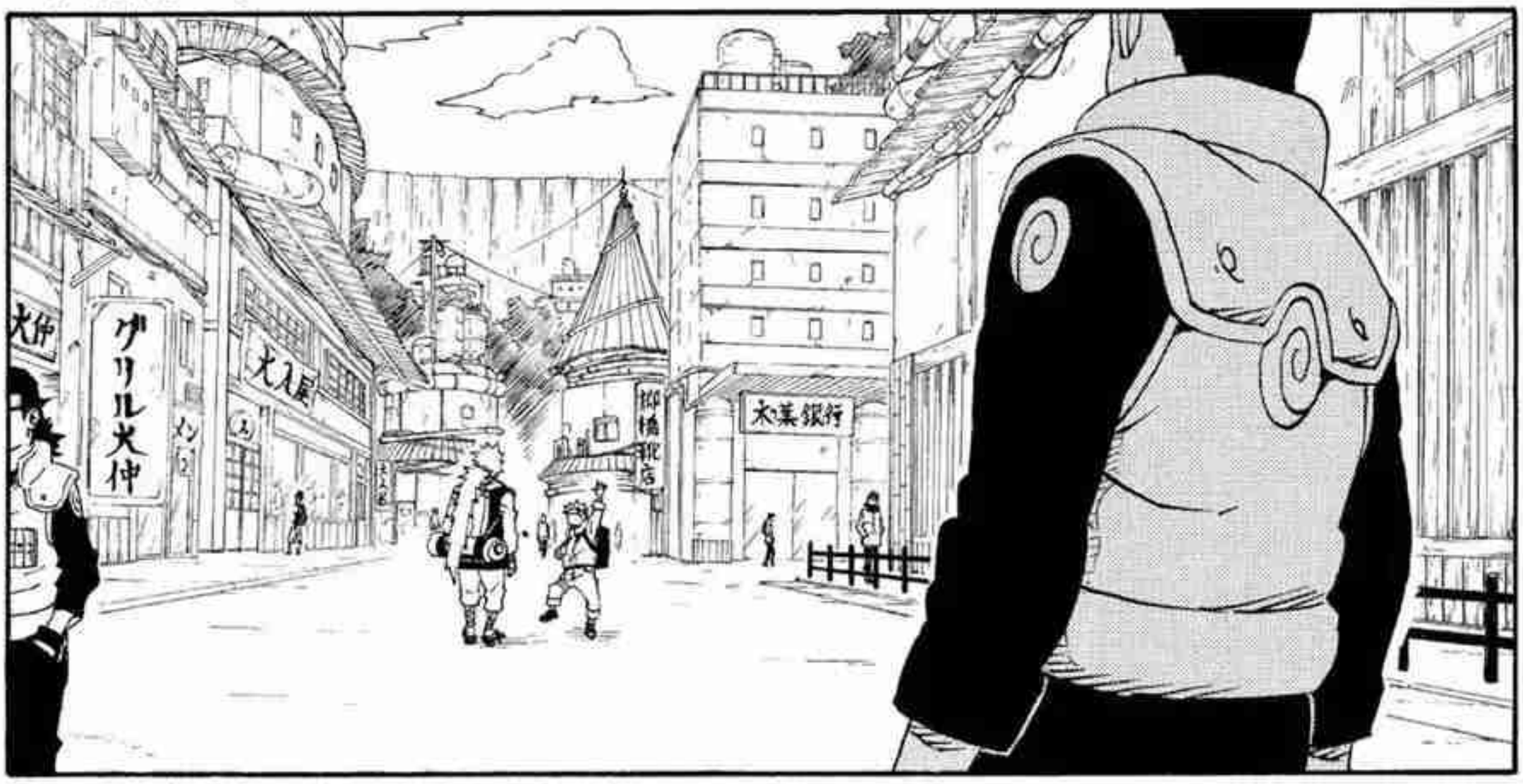
油
WE SHOULD GET GOING, NARUTO.


SLURRP
MMP!
...YOU'LL BE AWAY FOR SOME TIME.
IT SOUNDS LIKE...

I'LL PAY YOU FOR THE NOODLES WHEN I'M RICH AND FAMOUS!
MASTER IRUKA, I'M OFF! SEE YA!
HEH...
一楽

RIGHT ON!!


READ THIS WAY
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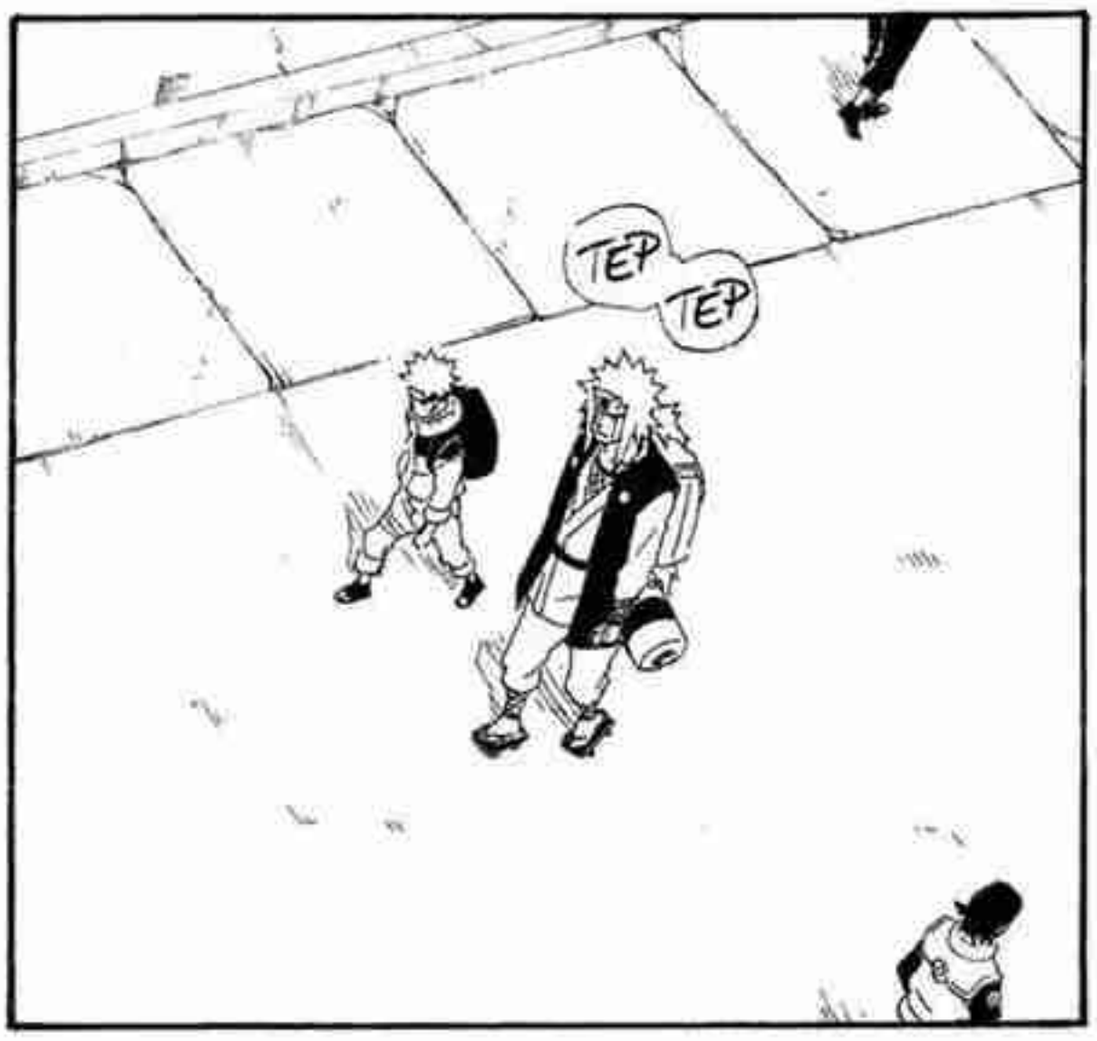
大仲
尤入屋
郵便局
木葉銀行


TEP
TEP

GO GET 'EM.
AH, NARUTO...

YOU'LL SEE...

+WIP
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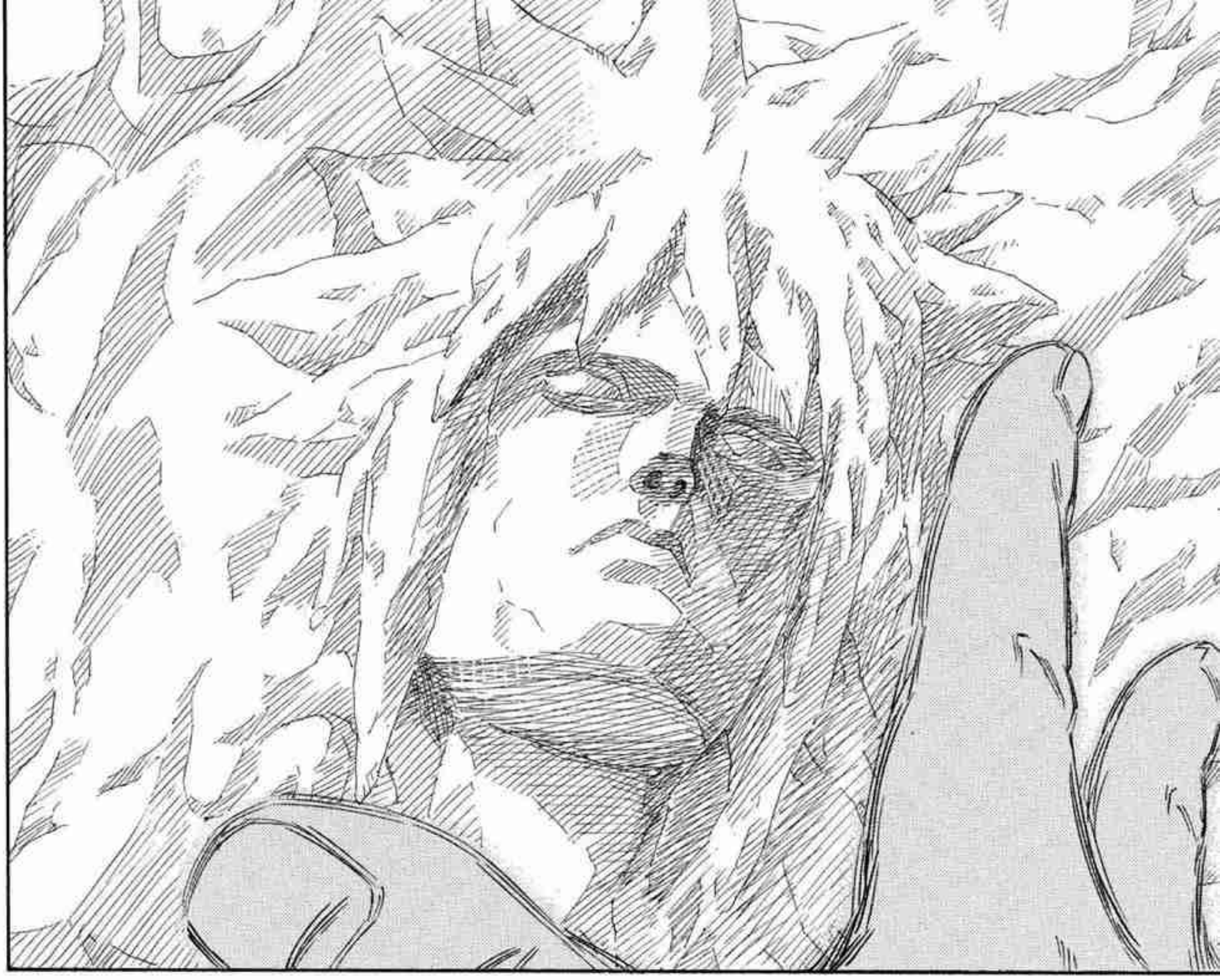
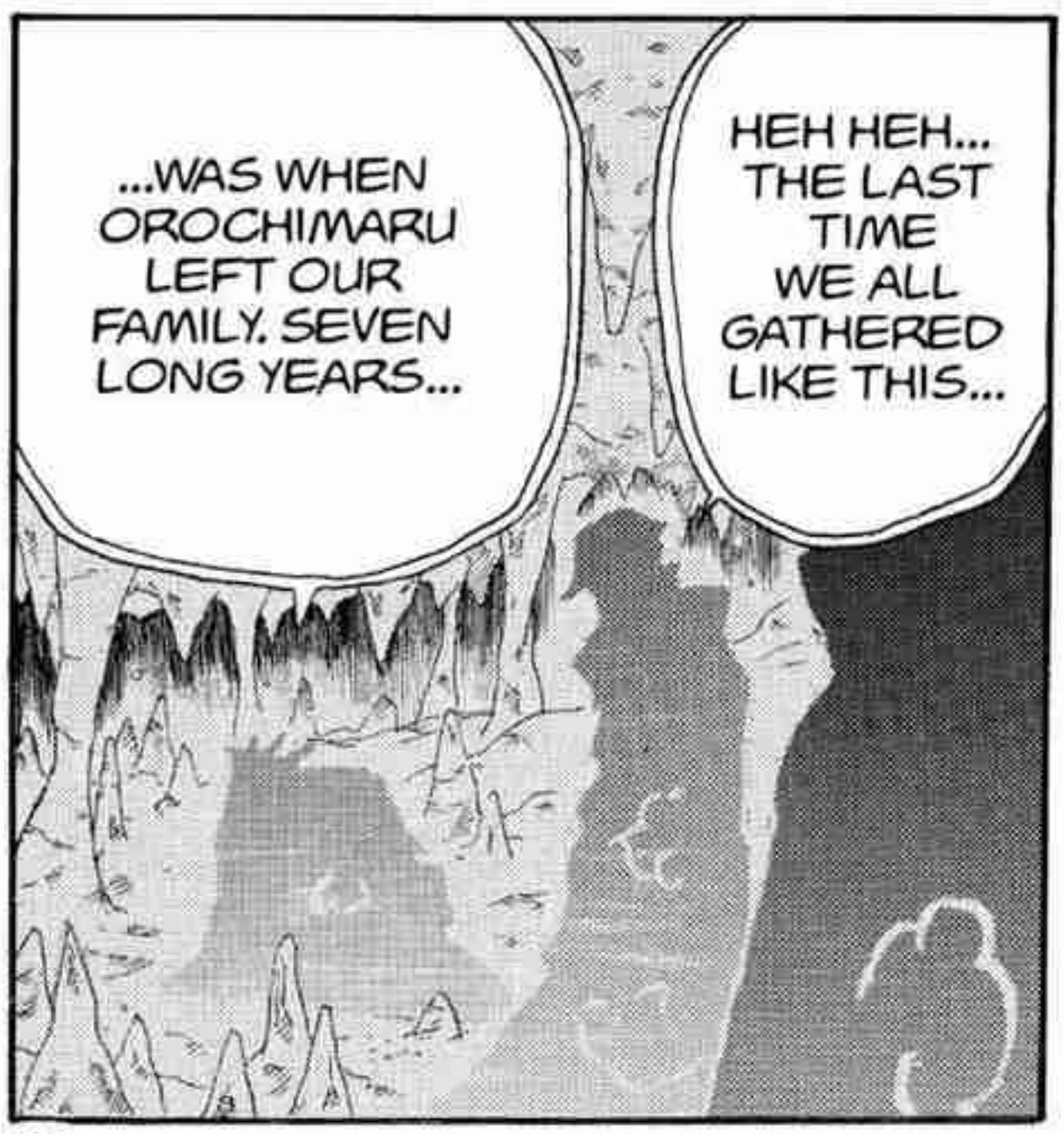


SHOOM

I GUESS... I'D BETTER WORK HARD MYSELF.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! COME ON, NARUTO!
OKAY, COMING NOW!!
WSH

PUSH


...WAS WHEN OROCHIMARU LEFT OUR FAMILY. SEVEN LONG YEARS...
HEH HEH... THE LAST TIME WE ALL GATHERED LIKE THIS...

BWOON

SO IT'S YOUR BROTHER, ITACHI?

AND NOW OROCHIMARU HAS SHARINGAN...

ZWOO...

PLISHH

WE HAVE ONLY THREE YEARS LEFT. WILL YOU BE ABLE TO CLEAR ALL YOUR ASSIGNMENTS? HMM?

ZWOO...

DON'T WORRY... HMM...

I'LL FINISH OFF OROCHI-MARU SOON ENOUGH... HMM...

...

ZWOO...

ZWOOO...

PLISHH

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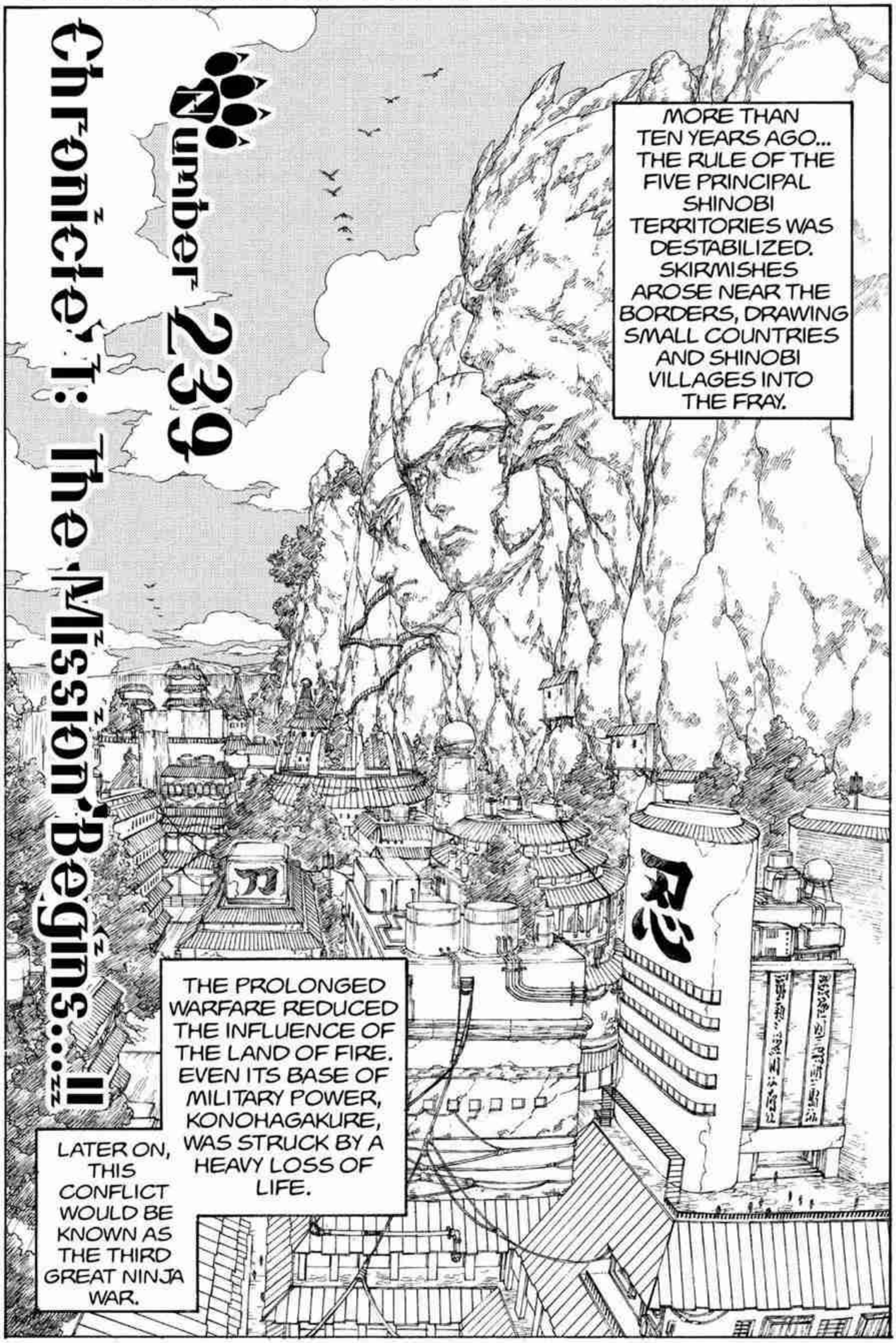
ALL, INCLUDING THE NINE-TAILED FOX SPIRIT!!

YES... WE SHALL SECURE THEM ALL...

ZWOO...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Mission Begins... The Third Ninja War!!
MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO... THE RULE OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL SHINOBI TERRITORIES WAS DESTABILIZED. SKIRMISHES AROSE NEAR THE BORDERS, DRAWING SMALL COUNTRIES AND SHINOBI VILLAGES INTO THE FRAY.
THE PROLONGED WARFARE REDUCED THE INFLUENCE OF THE LAND OF FIRE. EVEN ITS BASE OF MILITARY POWER, KONOHAGAKURE, WAS STRUCK BY A HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.
LATER ON, THIS CONFLICT WOULD BE KNOWN AS THE THIRD GREAT NINJA WAR.
忍

HUF

HUF

FSSSHH

THIS IS BAD...

FSSH

HE'S GONNA... KILL ME!

HUF

HUF

FUP

CAN I MAKE IT?!

WHOA!
FSSH SH
RSHH
!!

FOOP
!

UGH...
ZKRRKK

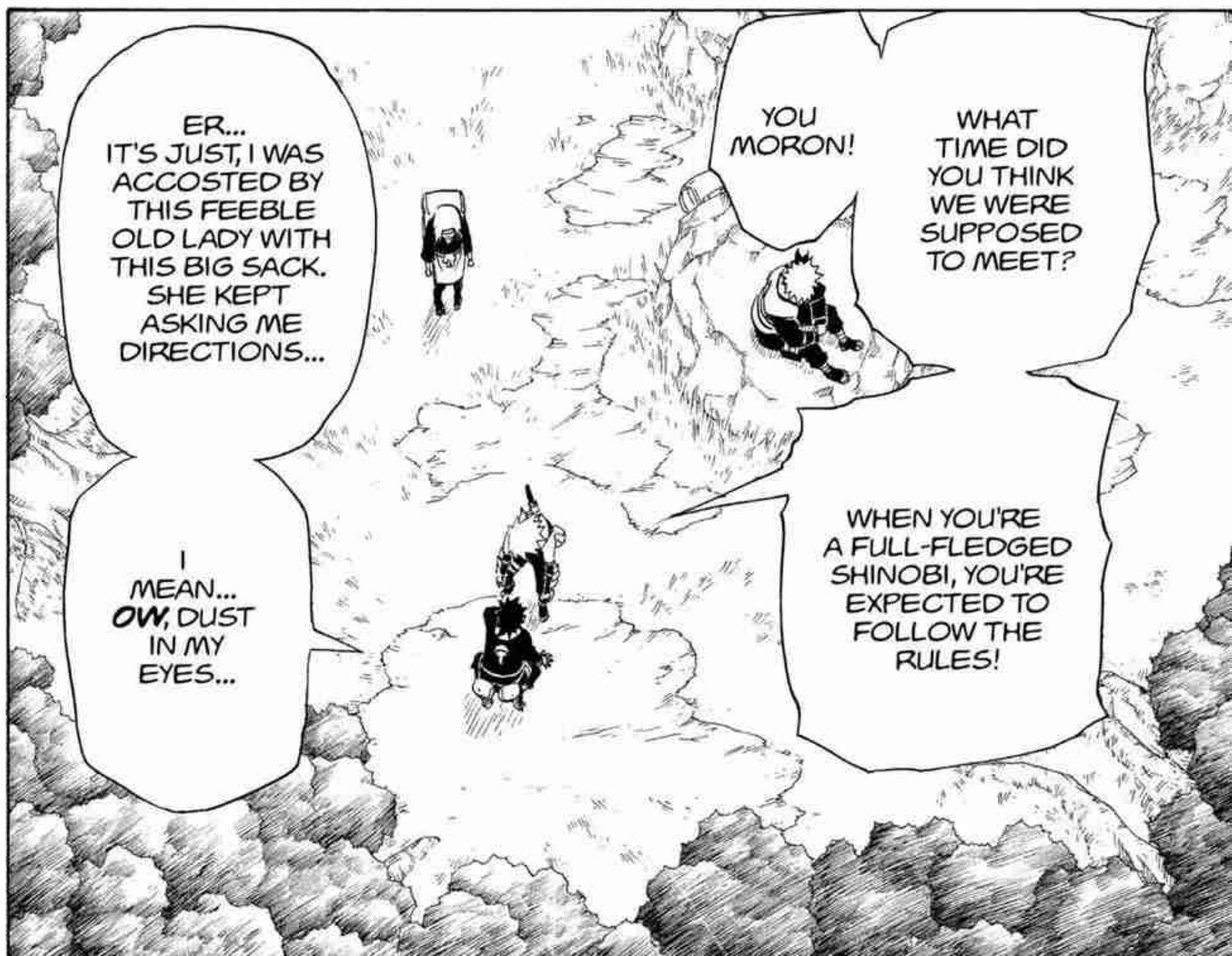
TWEET

TWEE

NO. YOU'RE LATE...

OBITO!

DID I MAKE IT?



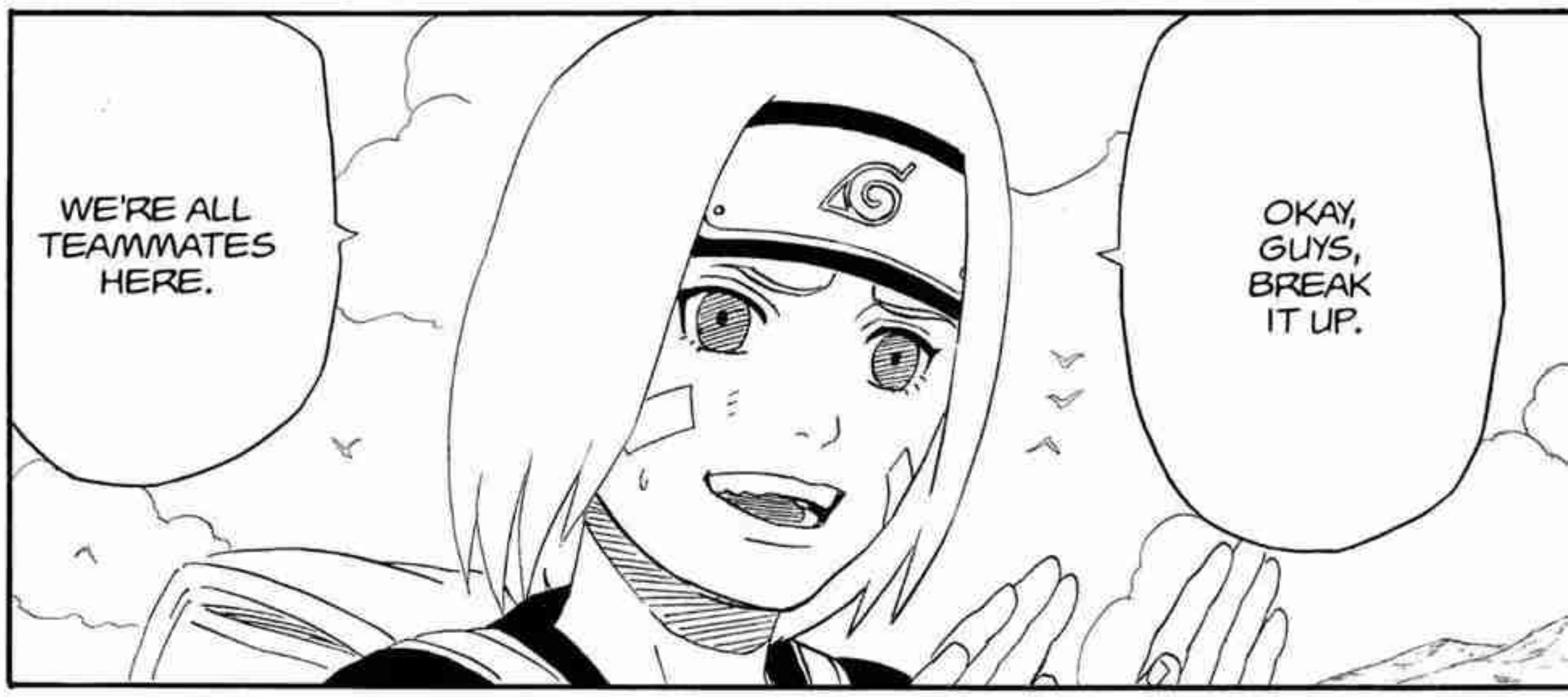
HMM.

THAT'S ENOUGH, KAKASHI!

COME ON! I KNOW YOU'RE LYING.

THE KEY IS IN MAINTAINING SELF-CONTROL!
KRAK
...

SQUIRK
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF YOUR RULES THIS AND LAWS THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU, MADE OF STEEL?!


WE'RE ALL TEAMMATES HERE.
OKAY, GUYS, BREAK IT UP.

WHAT WAS IT AGAIN?
?

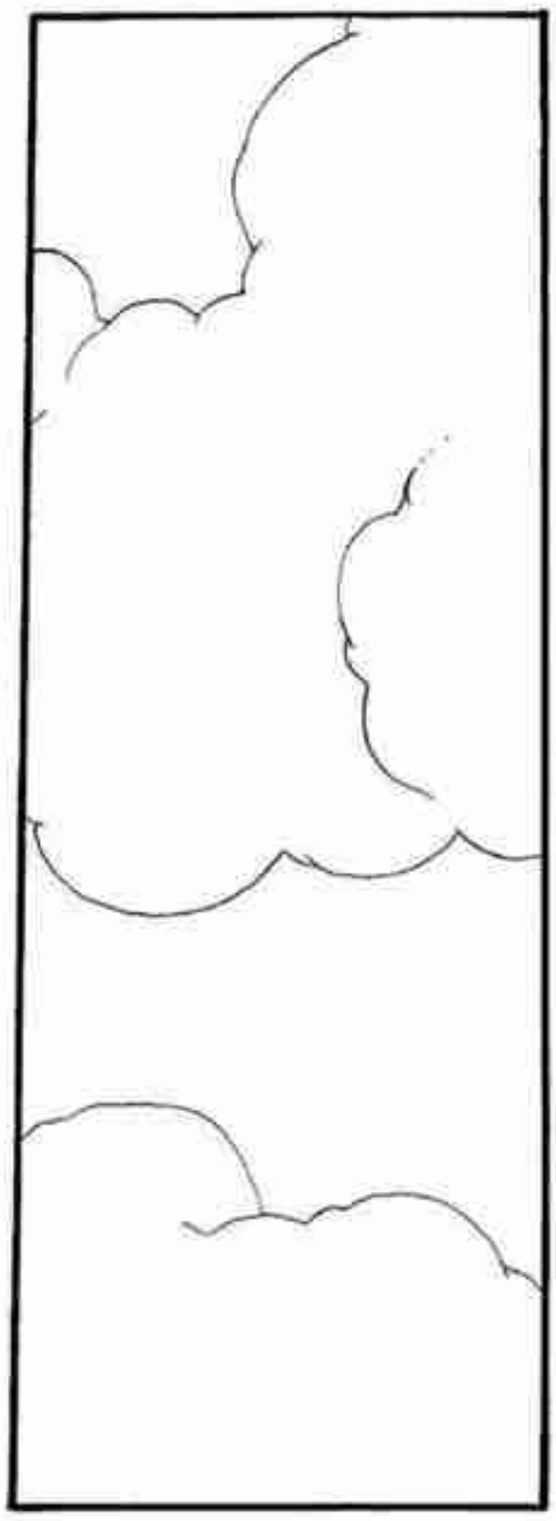
UR... RIGHT...

REMEMBER, TODAY'S ALSO MY SPECIAL DAY...
RIN, YOU GO TOO EASY ON OBITO...

EVERY BIT COUNTS. AS YOU KNOW, KONOHA IS AT THE WEAKEST IT'S EVER BEEN.

FOR THIS MISSION, KAKASHI AND I WILL BREAK OFF INTO TWO TEAMS. THAT MAKES US MORE EFFICIENT.

AS OF TODAY... KAKASHI IS JÔNIN, LIKE ME.



A CUSTOM-MADE KUNAI KNIFE.

THIS IS MY PRESENT.

SST

HERE.

AND THIS IS FROM ME.

SST

IT'LL BE A GOOD TOOL FOR THIS MISSION.

IT'S A BIT AWKWARD...

BUT IT'S EASY TO HANDLE, ONCE YOU'RE USED TO IT.

fmbl

THANKS.

PAP

!

I ADJUSTED THINGS A LITTLE, TO MAKE IT EASIER TO USE.

IT'S A PERSONAL-IZED SPECIAL MEDKIT.

...

THANKS.

WHA... WHAT'S THAT FOR?!
...

GR RR

BETTER NOTHING, THAN A USELESS BURDEN.
WELL... THAT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU'D JUST GIVE ME SOME GARBAGE ANYWAY.

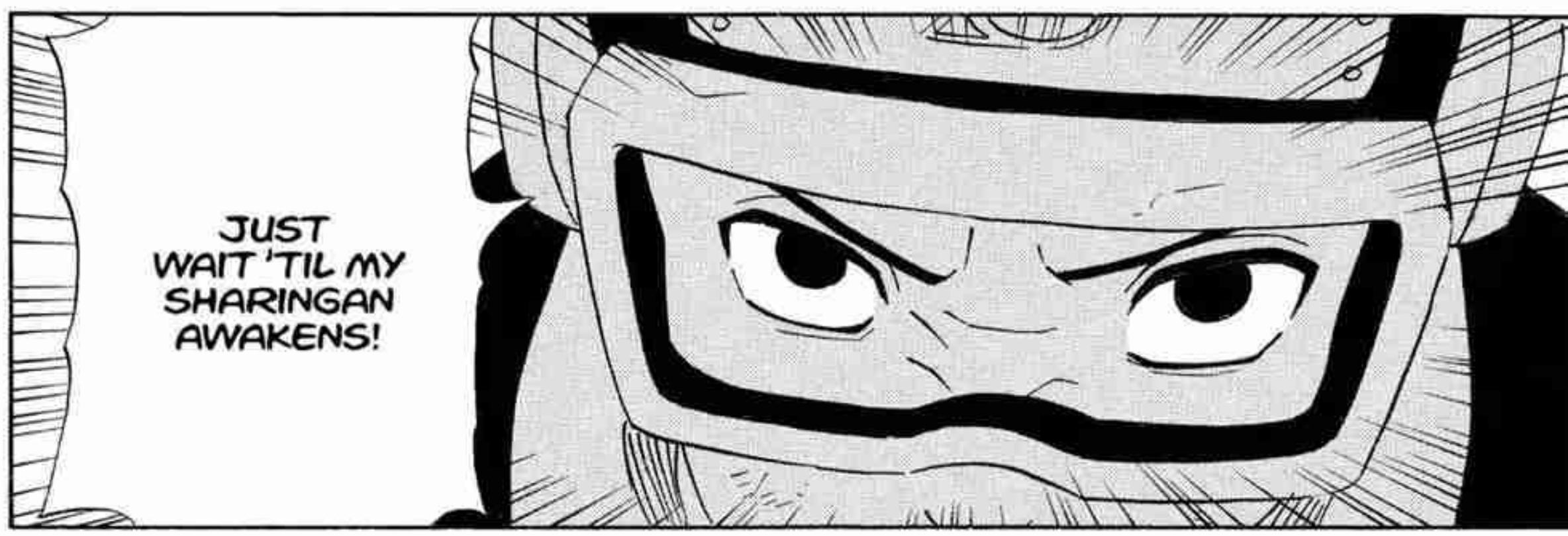
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO GIVE YOU!
NOT A THING!

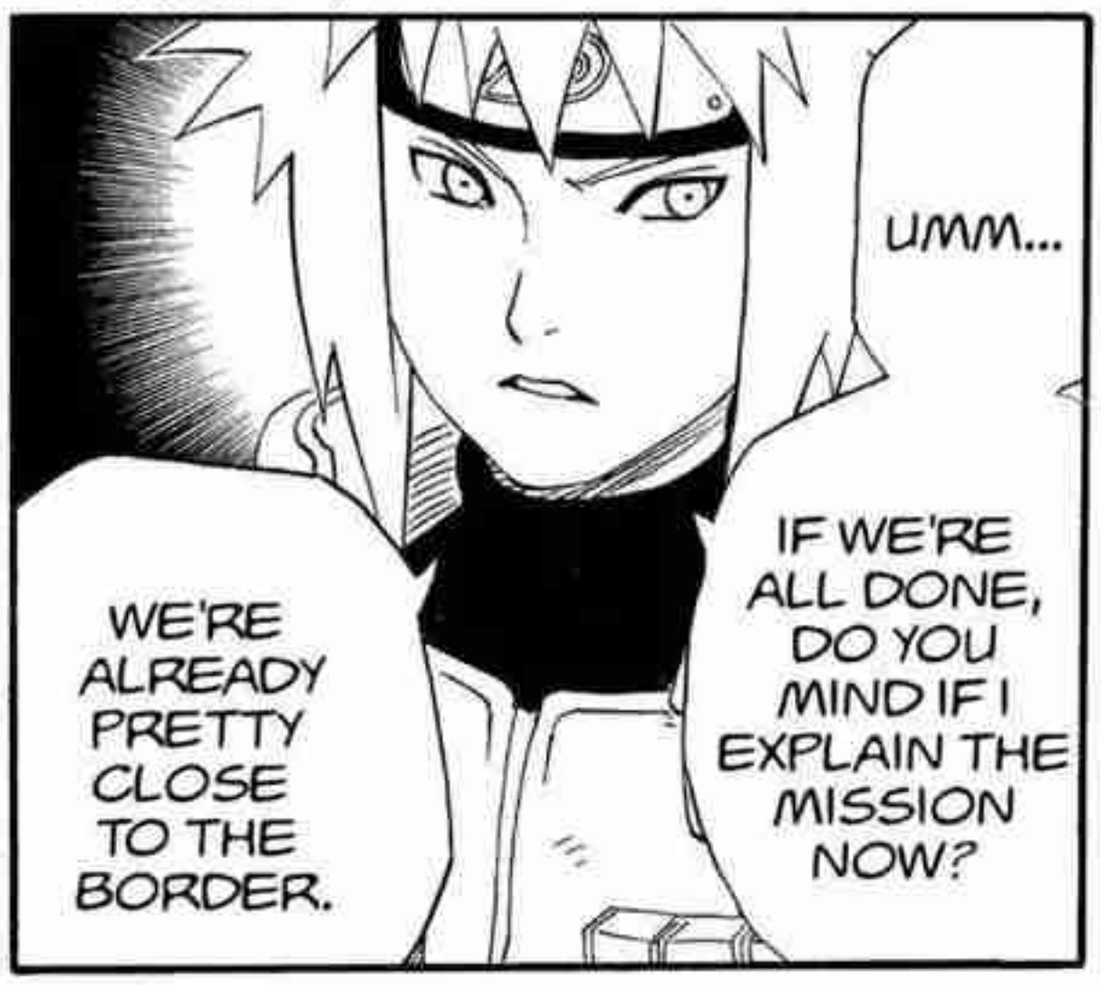
TWITCH TWITCH
...

DON'T TALK TO ME THAT WAY!
WHAT I DON'T SEE IS HOW THE HECK A GUY LIKE YOU GETS TO BE A JÔNIN!

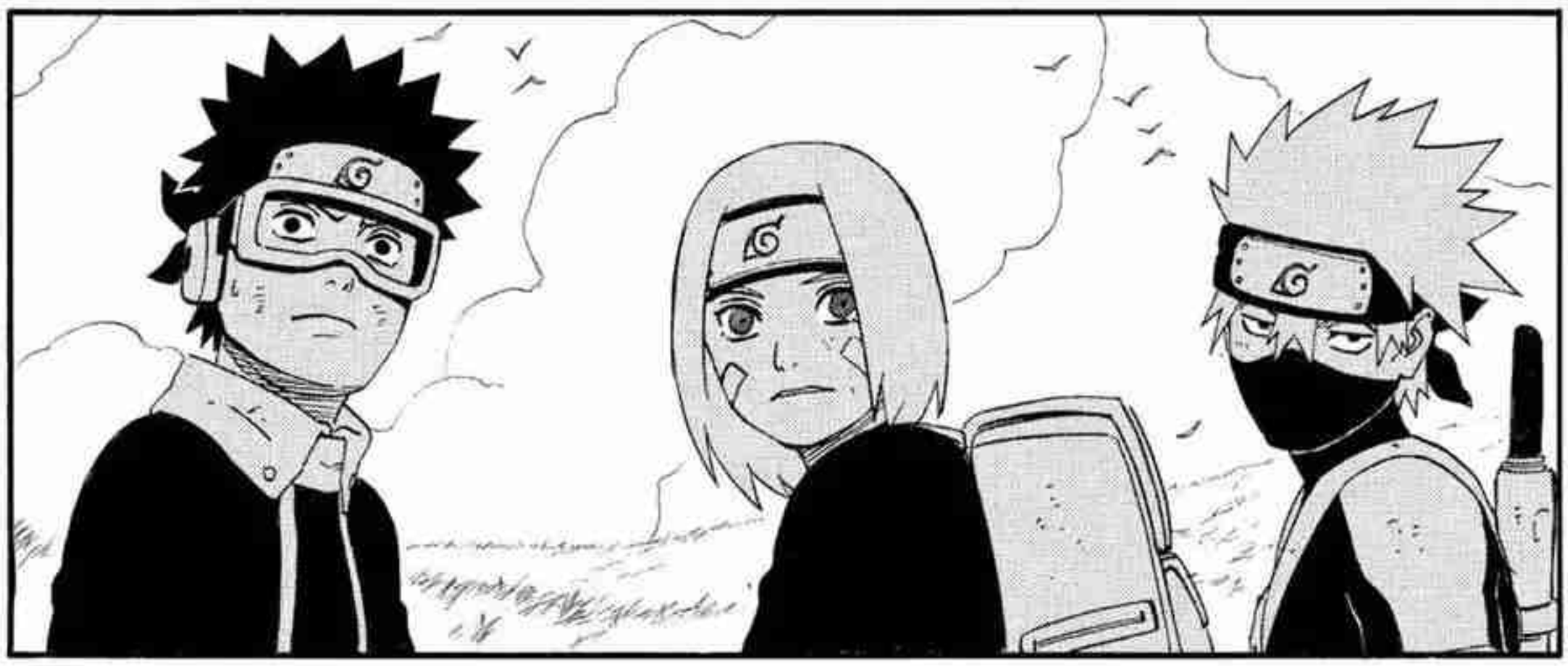
YOU'LL SEE, I'M GONNA BLAZE PAST YOU!!

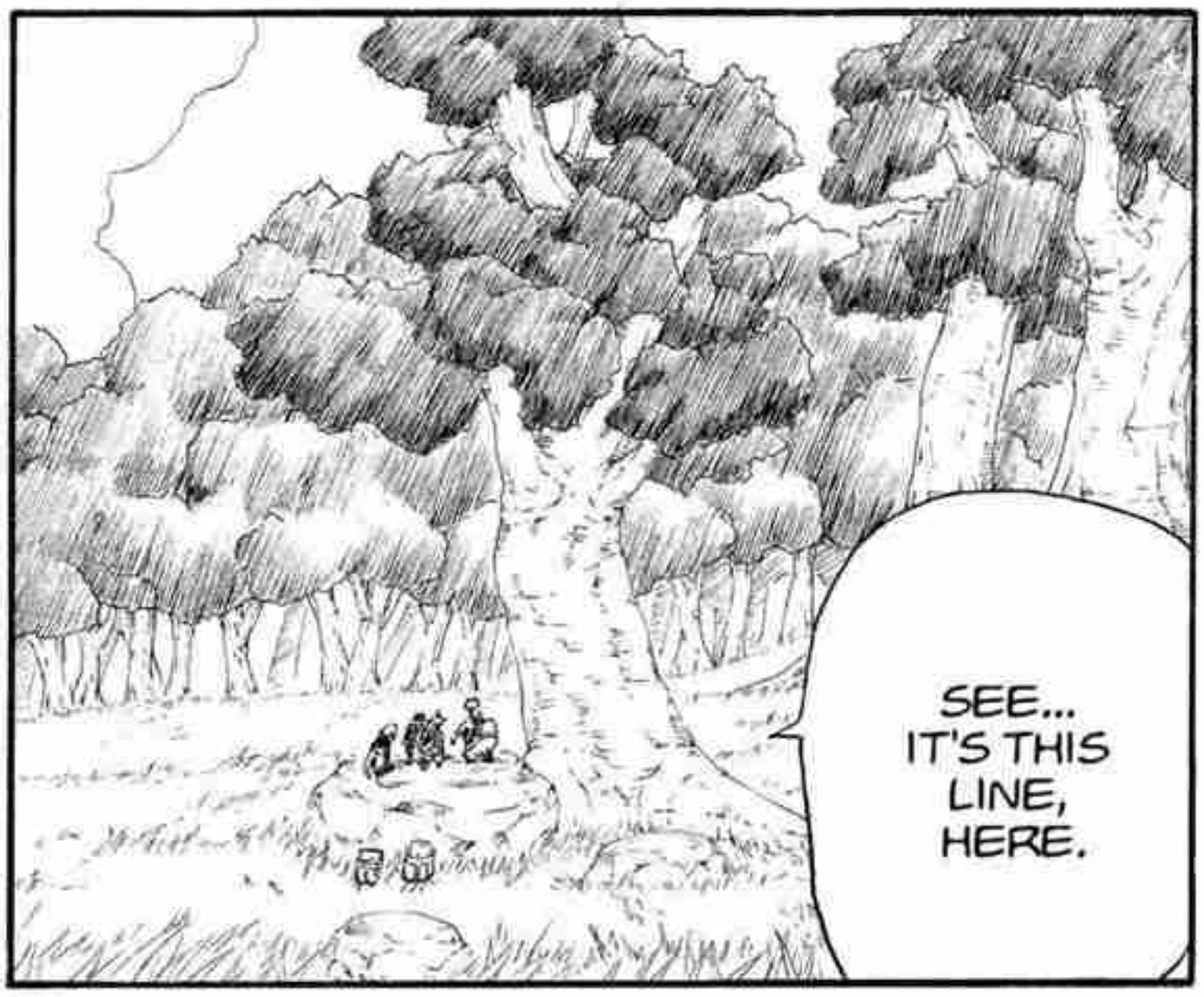
I AM OBITO, OF THE UCHIHA CLAN!




UMM...
WE'RE ALREADY PRETTY CLOSE TO THE BORDER.
IF WE'RE ALL DONE, DO YOU MIND IF I EXPLAIN THE MISSION NOW?

WEE WEE
HEY GUYS... GUYS, PLEASE STOP!




SEE... IT'S THIS LINE, HERE.

FLOP

ACCORDING TO MY INFO, THEY'VE ALREADY DEPLOYED A THOUSAND SHINOBI TO THE BATTLEFRONT.

OUR ENEMY IS THE SHINOBI OF IWAGAKURE...

...THE LAND OF EARTH IS CURRENTLY INVADING KUSAGAKURE.

IT SHOWS WHERE...

FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO STORM IN LIKE THIS...

THEY MUST HAVE AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM FOR REINFORCEMENT.

WELL... KUSAGAKURE IS SITUATED RIGHT NEXT TO THE LAND OF FIRE.

WE SHOULD HAVE STEPPED IN LONG AGO.

THEY'VE ADVANCED EVEN FURTHER THAN BEFORE...

THEREFORE SHINOBI LIKE US, WHOSE FOCUS IS SABOTAGE...

...MUST DEPLOY IN A SHORT, TAUT UNIT.

TAP

TO CRUSH ONE'S ENEMY AT THE BATTLEFRONT REQUIRES AN IMMENSE FORCE OF SHINOBI.

RIGHT HERE.

SO, OUR MISSION IS...

RIGHT!

TEAM KAKASHI... YOUR MISSION IS...

AND PROMPTLY EVACUATE.

DESTROY THE SUPPLY BRIDGE, BREAK UP THE SUPPORT OPERATION...

STEAL INTO THE TAIL END OF ENEMY TERRI-TORY...

SO... IT'S THE BRIDGE?

YOU'RE SAYING THIS IS AN INFILTRATION MISSION.

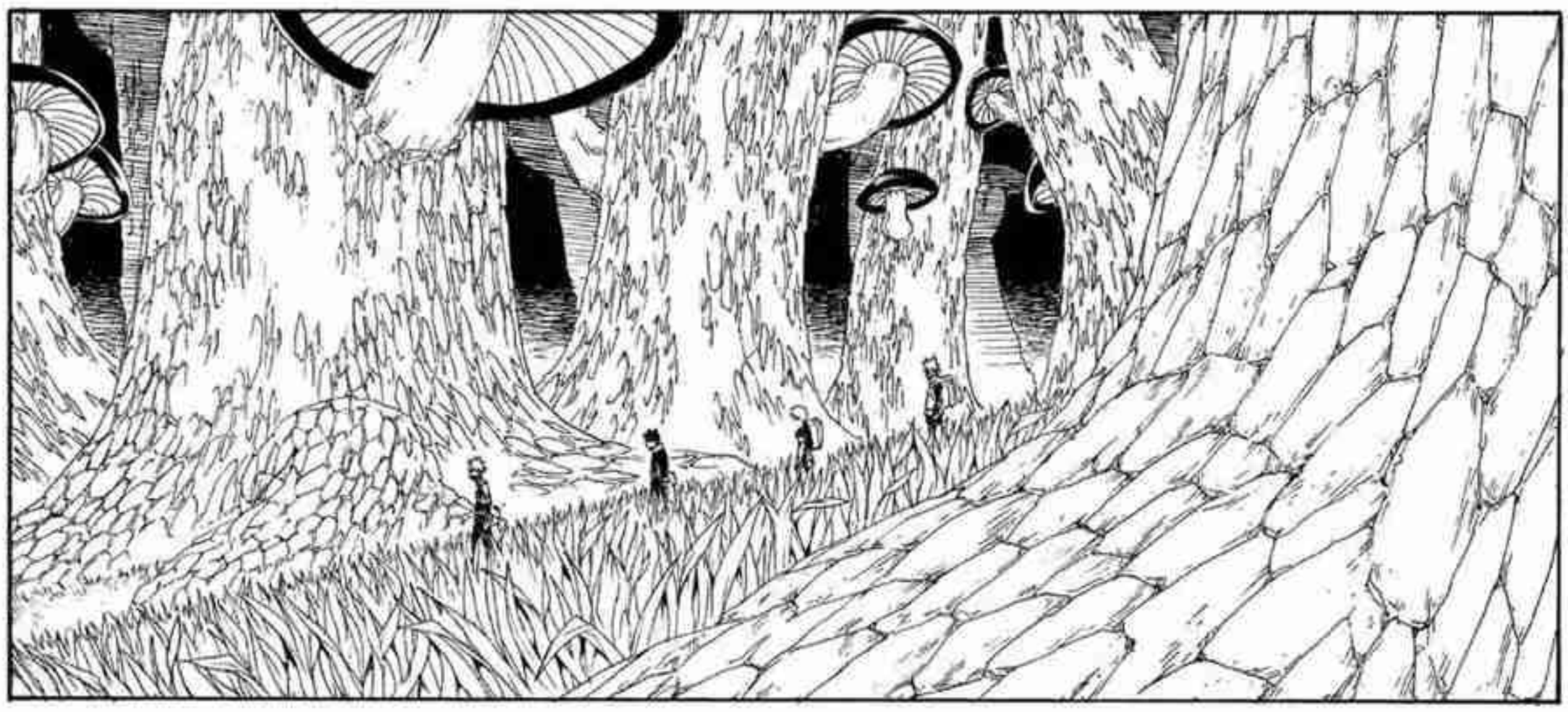
WE'LL STICK TOGETHER UNTIL THE BORDER. FROM THERE, WE SPLIT UP AND SET ABOUT OUR OWN MISSIONS.

SMEK

SMEK

YES SIR!!

SO TODAY KAKASHI IS IN CHARGE, GOT IT?



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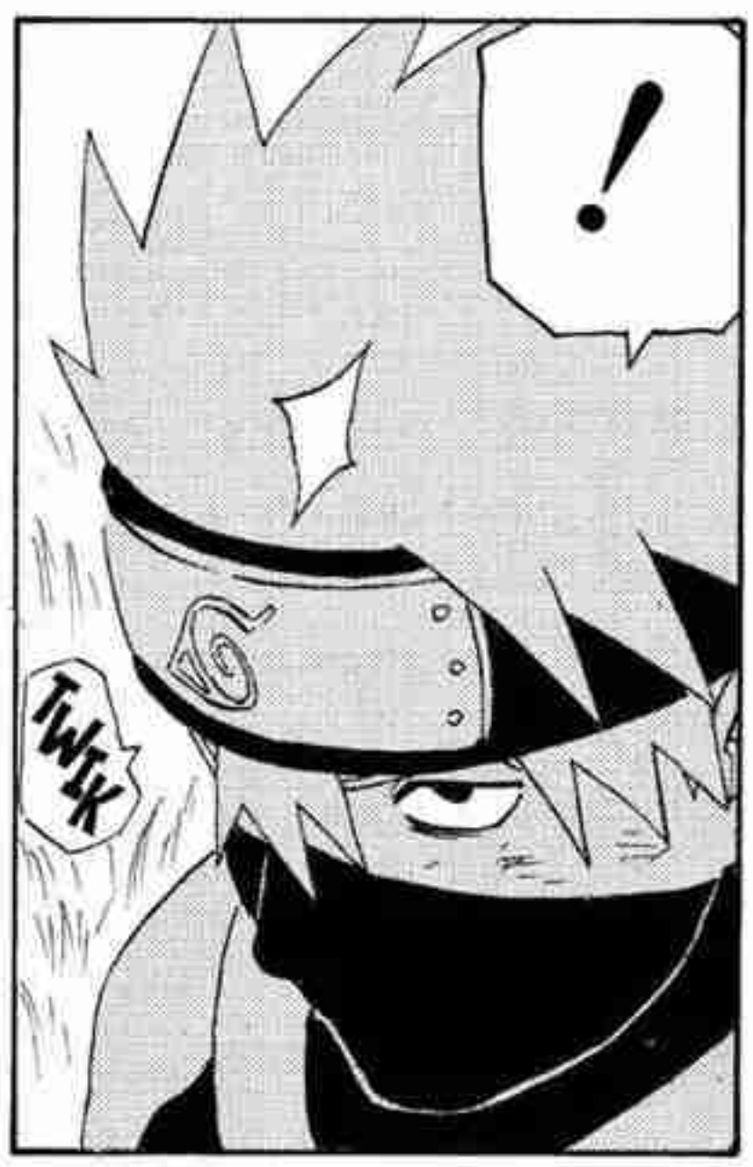
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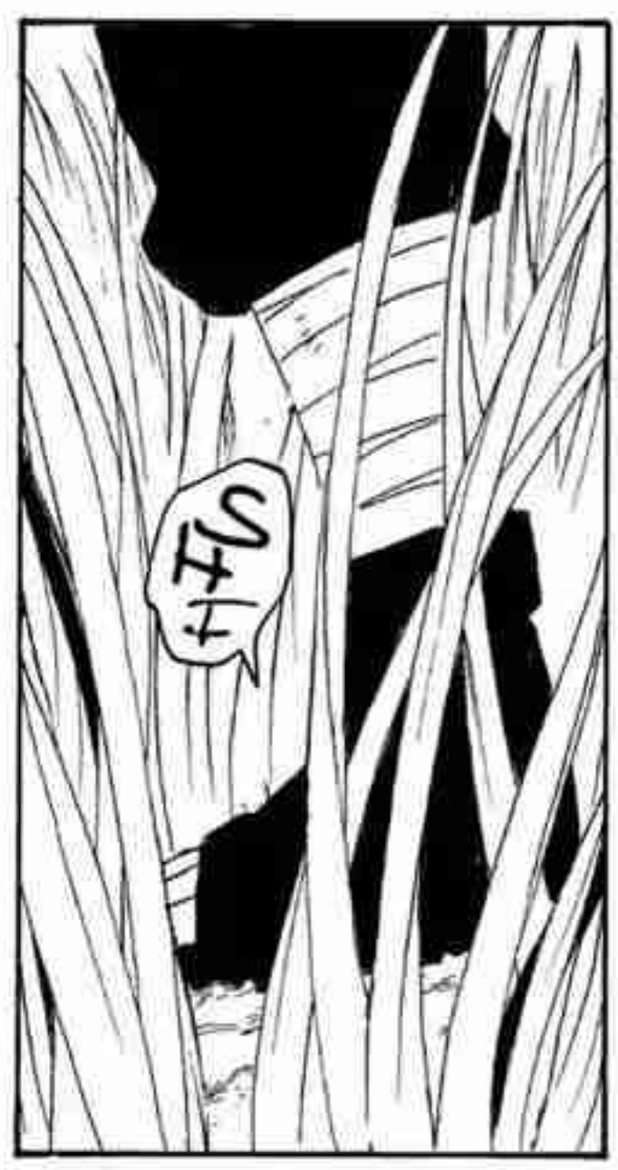
SHIT

NICE... KAKASHI.

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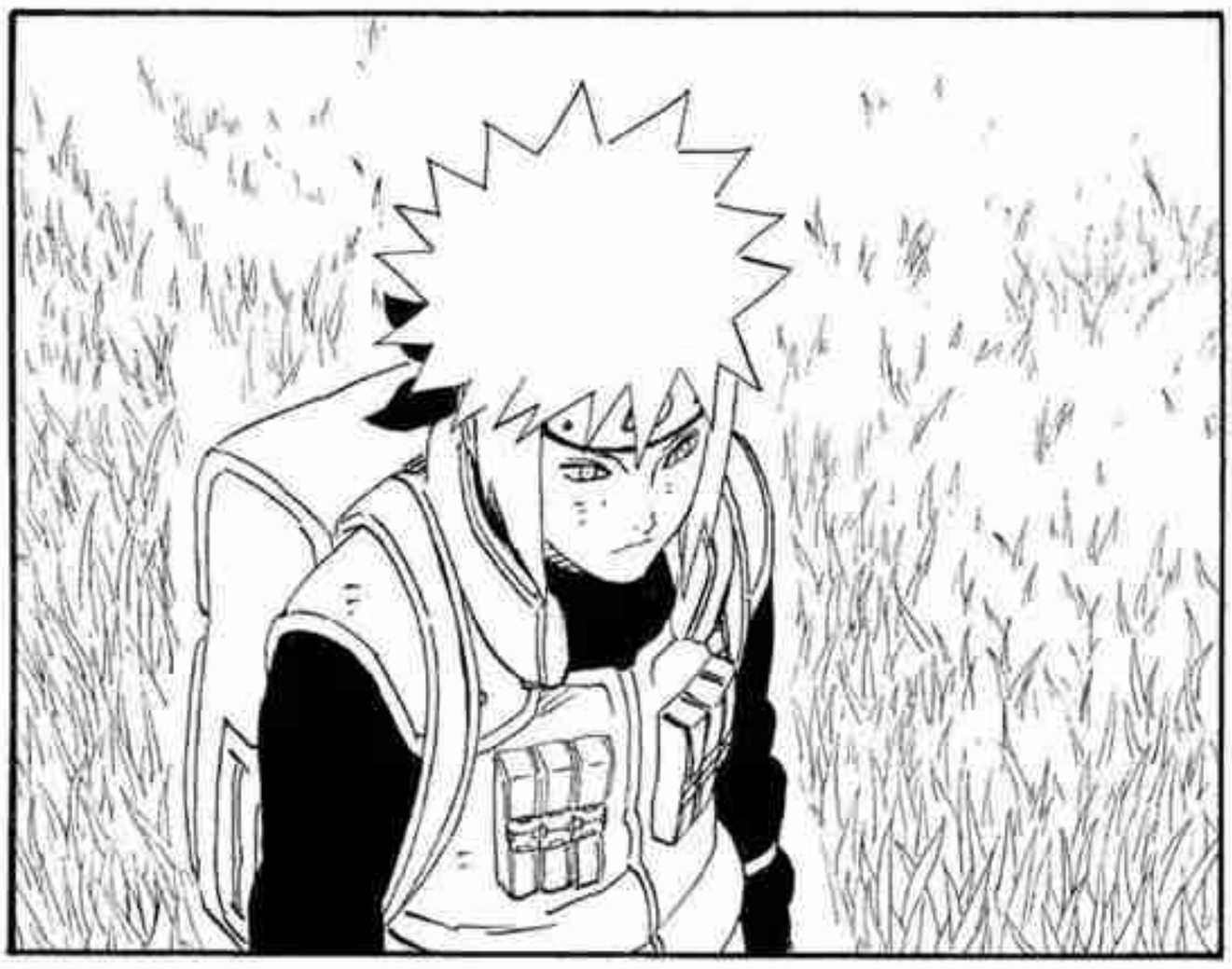
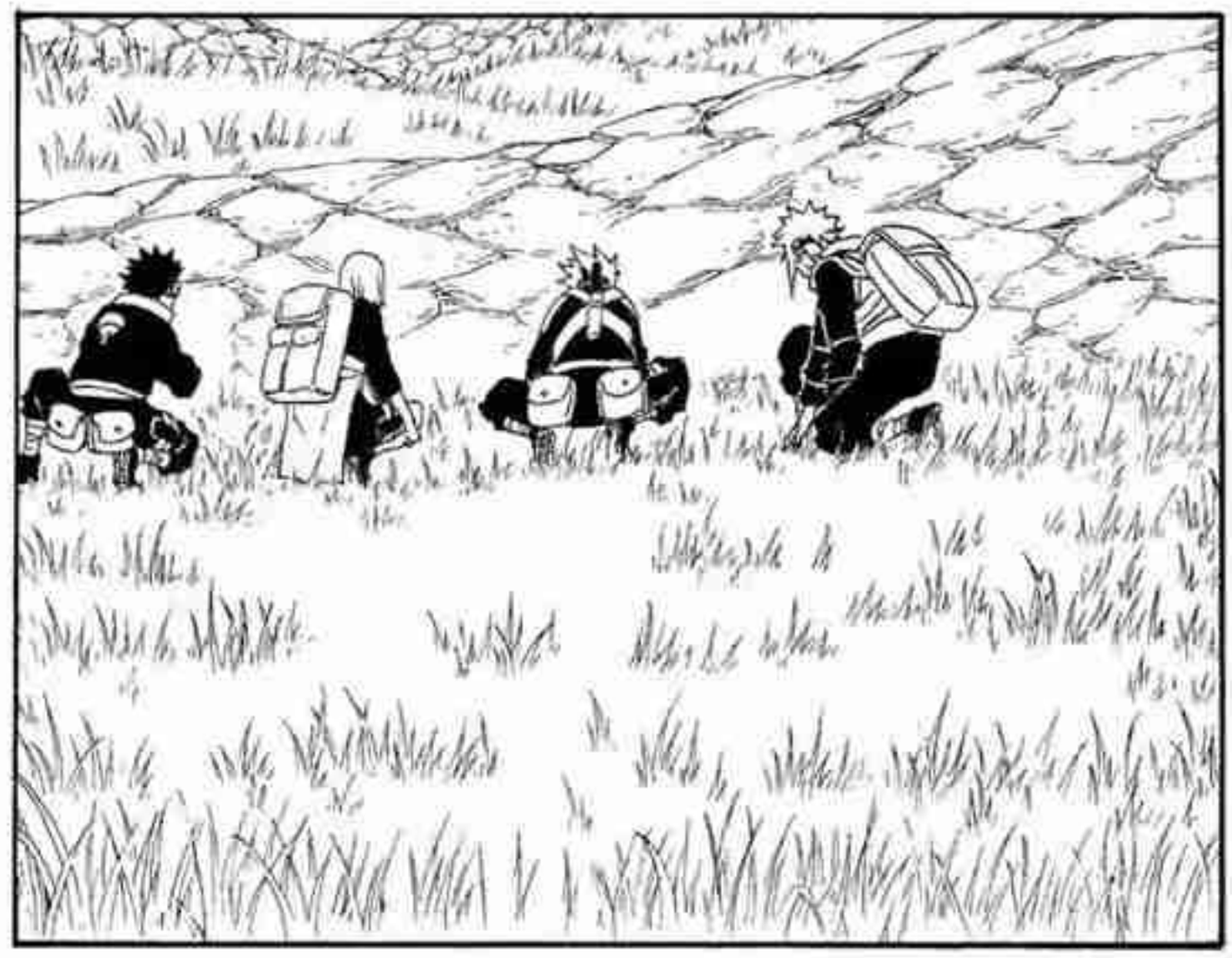
THEY DETECTED ME...

COLOR ME IMPRESSED.



THERE'RE AT LEAST TWENTY... BUT I BELIEVE THEY'RE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS.
BE ALERT, EVERY-ONE...



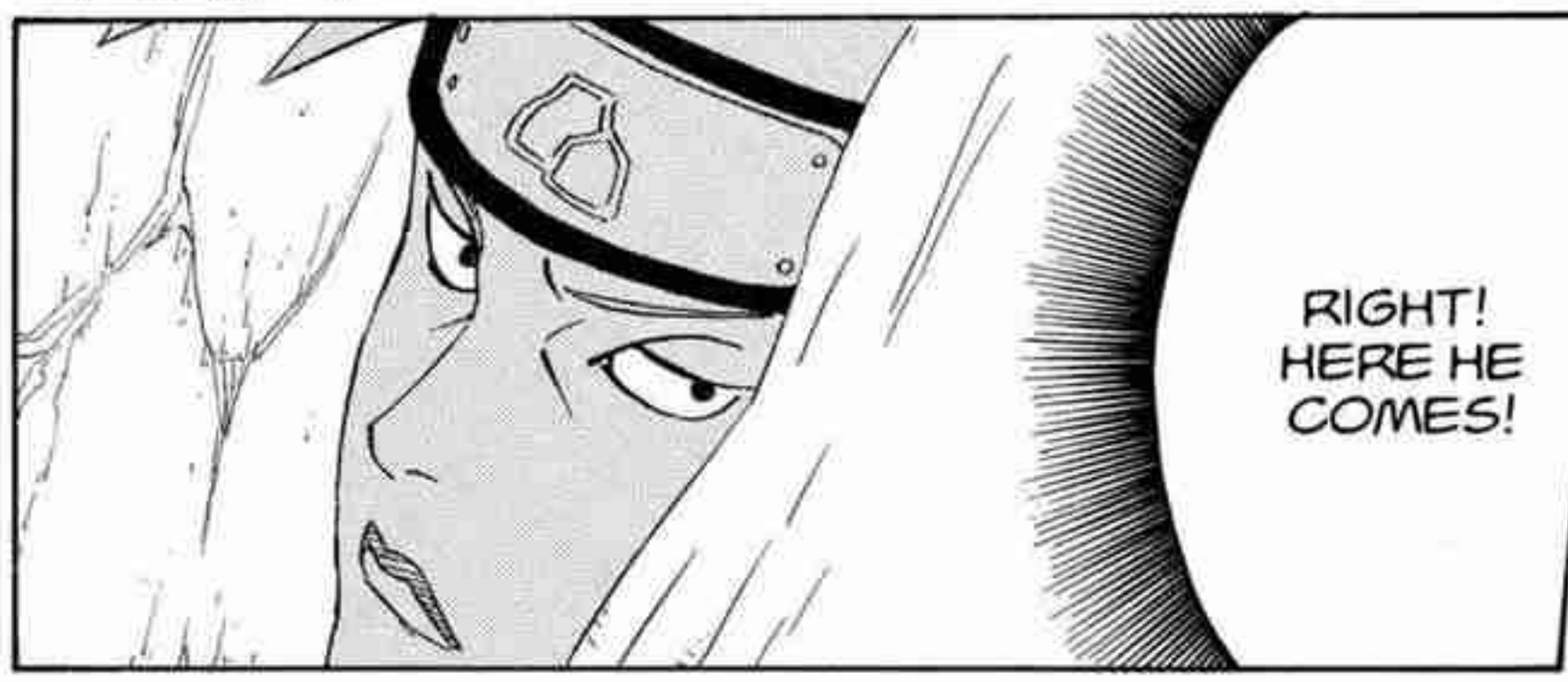
WHY DON'T YOU BACK ME UP INSTEAD.
LET'S NOT RUSH, KAKASHI.

YES, THAT SEEMS LIKELY...
MASTER... IF I CHARGE, WILL YOU BACK ME UP?

KAKASHI

I WANT TO TRY A NEW JUTSU I'M WORKING OUT RIGHT NOW.
PARDON ME, MASTER... YOU DID SAY I'M IN CHARGE TODAY?
FwipFwipFwip

CHIDORI!
1000
BIRDS!!


RIGHT! HERE HE COMES!

WHAT, AN... INCREDIBLE CHAKRA...

WHA... WHAT KIND OF JUTSU IS THAT?!

...

LET'S MOVE!!

NARUTO
TM

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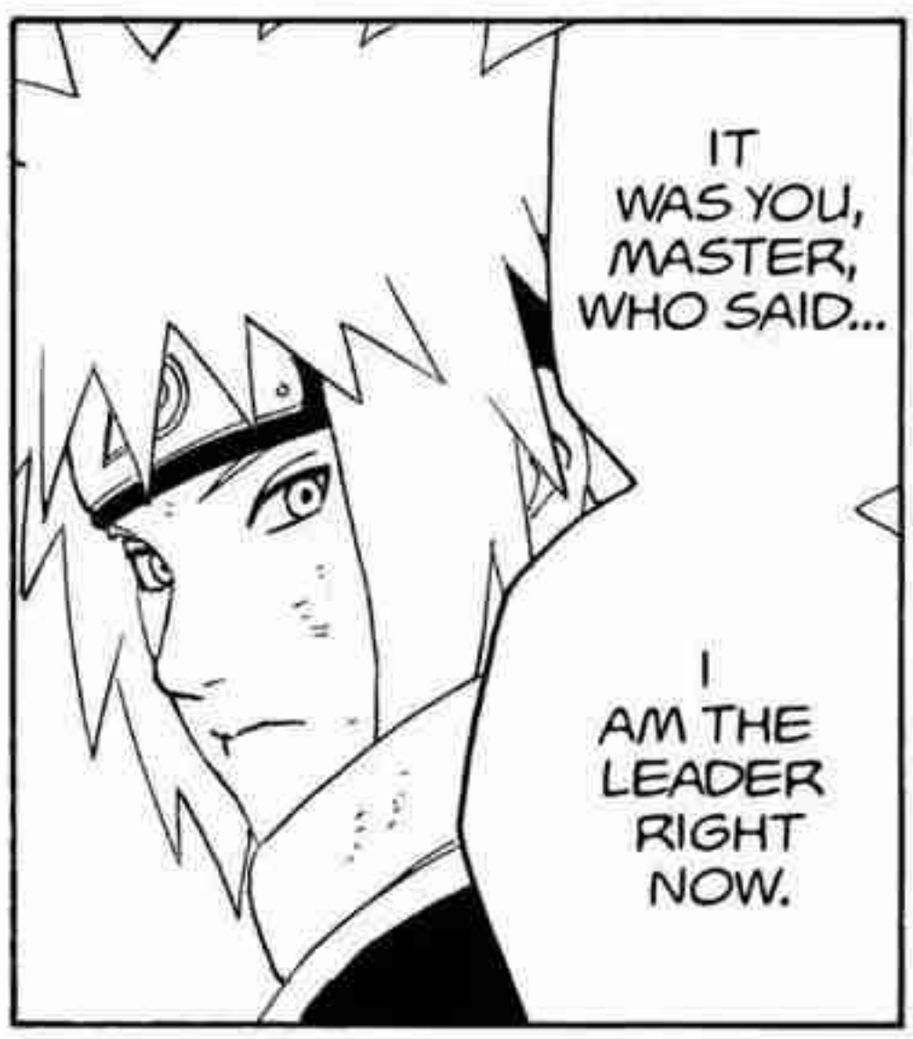
CHIRP CHIRP
...


IT WAS YOU, MASTER, WHO SAID...
I AM THE LEADER RIGHT NOW.

IT'S NAMED AFTER YOUR ALIAS. AND ANYWAY...
EVEN IF OUR ENEMY IS GREAT IN NUMBER, WITH THIS JUTSU I CAN FINISH THEM IN AN INSTANT.

MASTER?!

CHIIRRP

CELL MEMBERS MUST FOLLOW THE LEADER. ISN'T THAT THE RULE?

!

!

KRM

MP

...

ZVOOOMM

FOOSH

SNIK

ZWOOM

NEVER THOUGHT HE'D CHARGE STRAIGHT IN...

CHING CHING CHING CHING CHING CHING

EEK!

TAK TOK TAK PLOK PLOK TAK PLOK

NOW HERE I COME!

THE KUNAI KNIVES PINPOINTED ALL OF YOUR LOCATIONS.

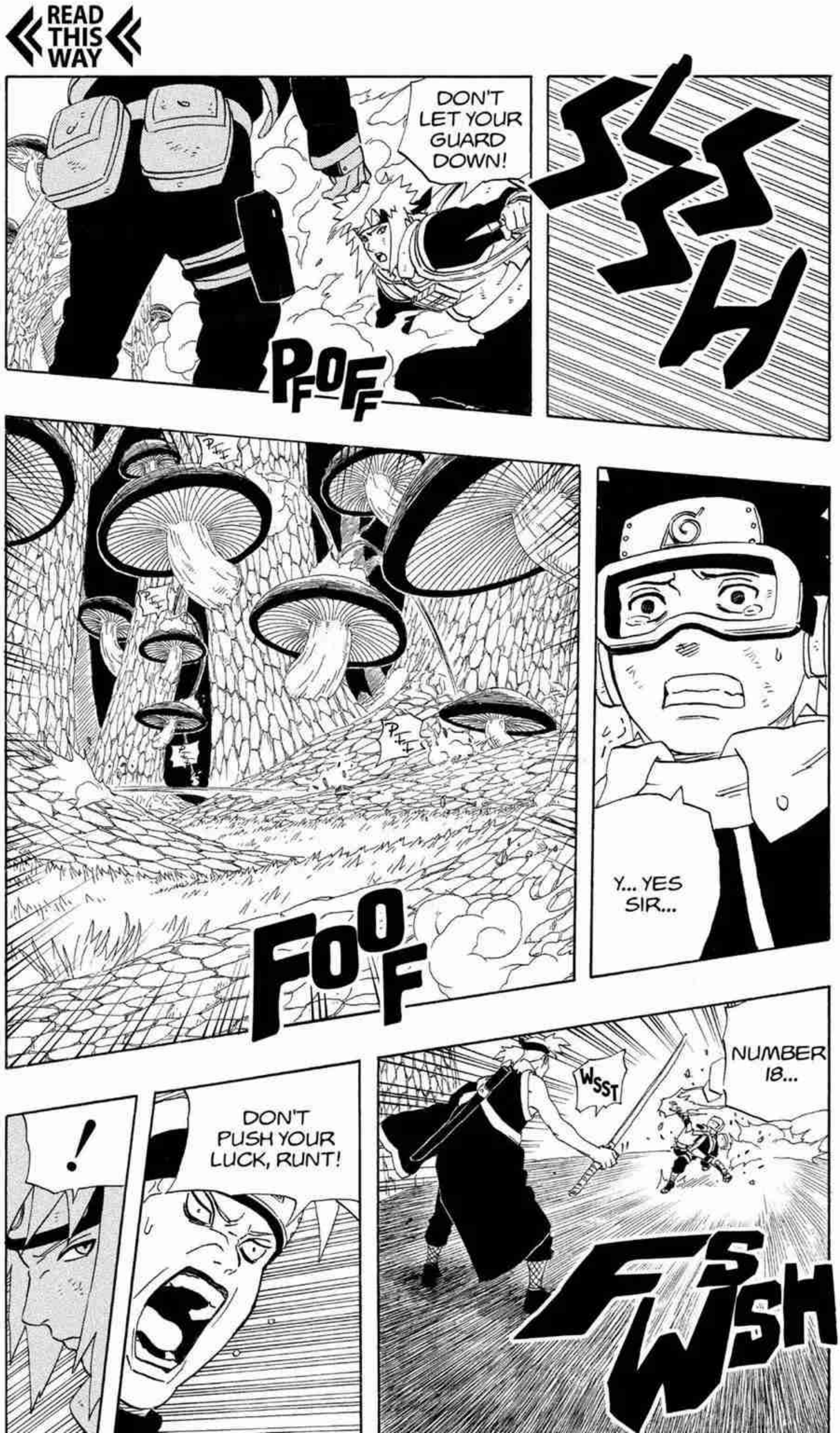
GRRR

BZZK

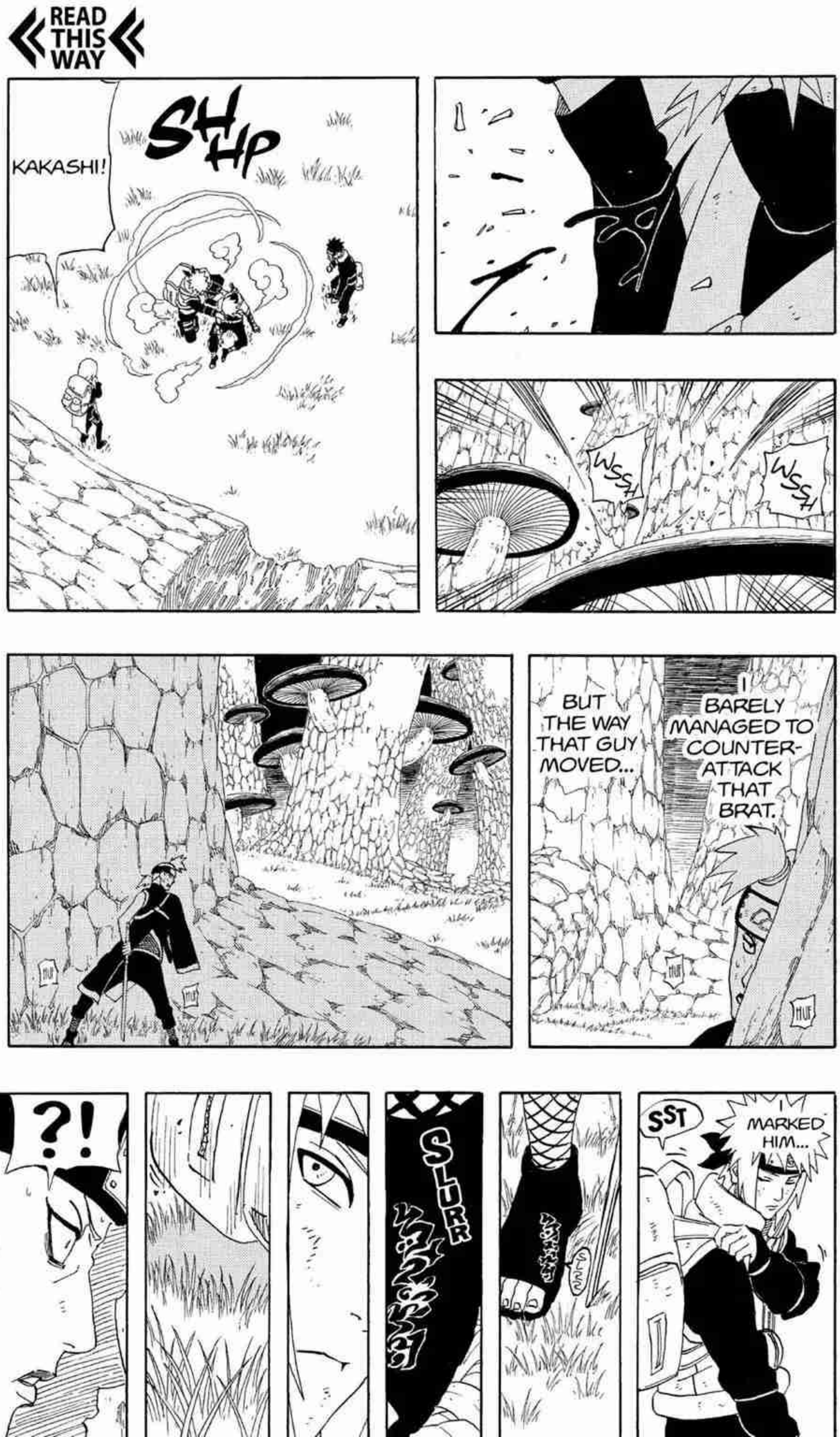
SHLOKK

FSSH

ARGH! A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER...
!
PFOFF
UGAH!
WWW
NEXT ONE!
!!
SKRRT
WOOP WOOP
?!


READ THIS WAY
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!
POFF
SSSH
Y... YES SIR...
FOOF
NUMBER 18...
WSST
FSWSH
!
DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK, RUNT!

!!
WOOSH
SPAK


READ THIS WAY
KAKASHI!
SH HP
WSSH
WSSH
BUT THE WAY THAT GUY MOVED...
I BARELY MANAGED TO COUNTER-ATTACK THAT BRAT.
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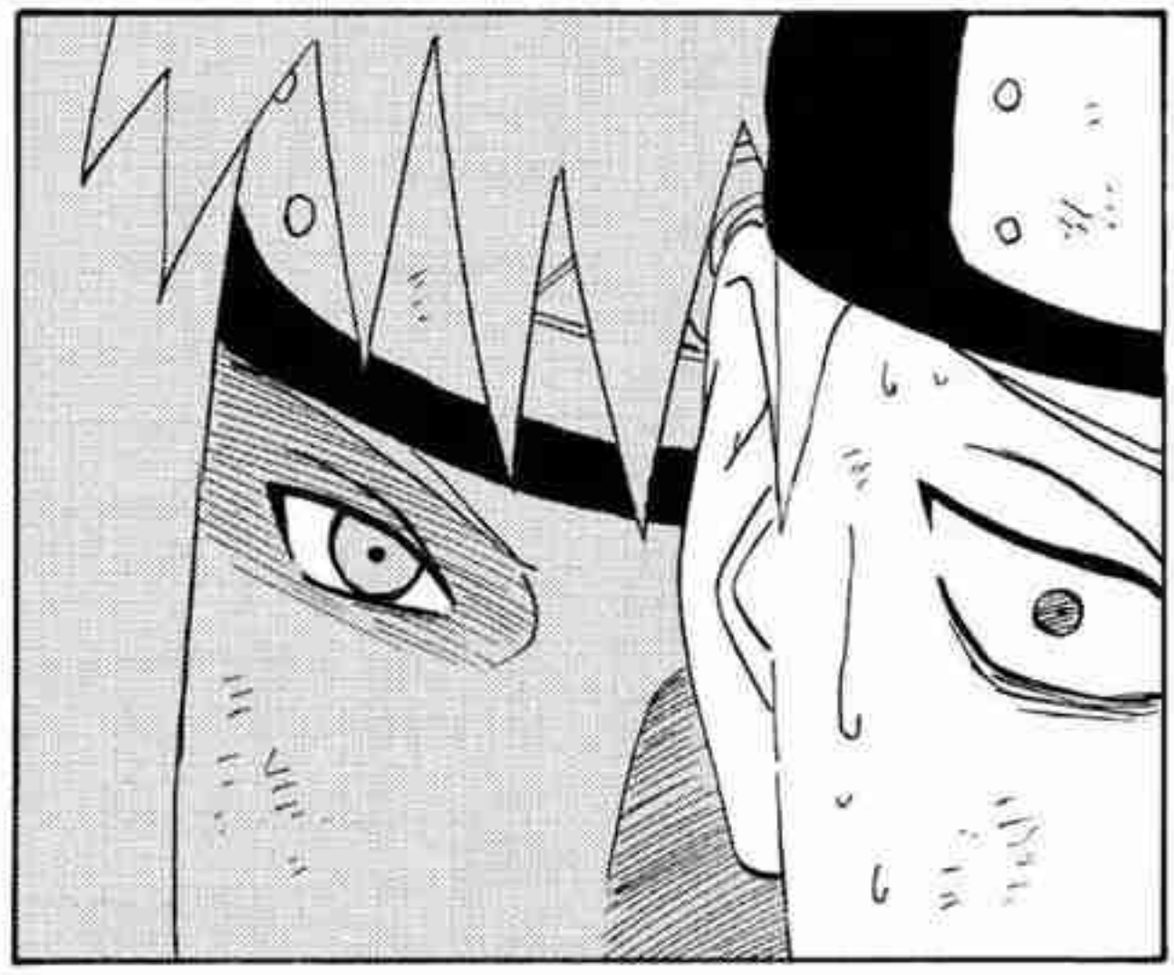
SLURR
SLZZ
SST
I MARKED HIM...

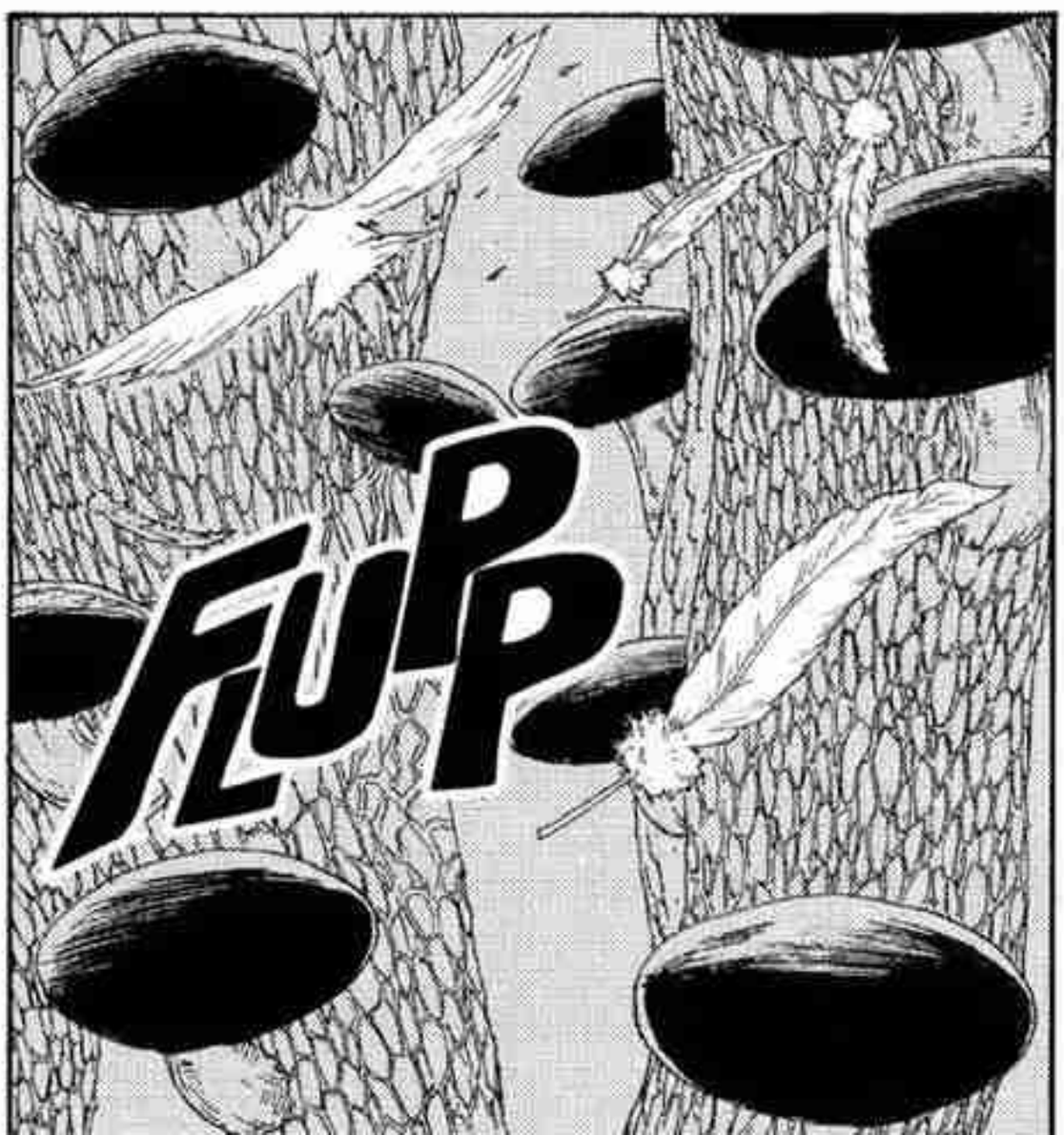
...IS SO FAST!!
MASTER'S ART OF TELEPORTATION...

!
!
THOP

NO... NO WAY... YOU CAN'T BE...

THE YELLOW FLASH OF KONOHA?!





VSHHH

HHHH

URK...

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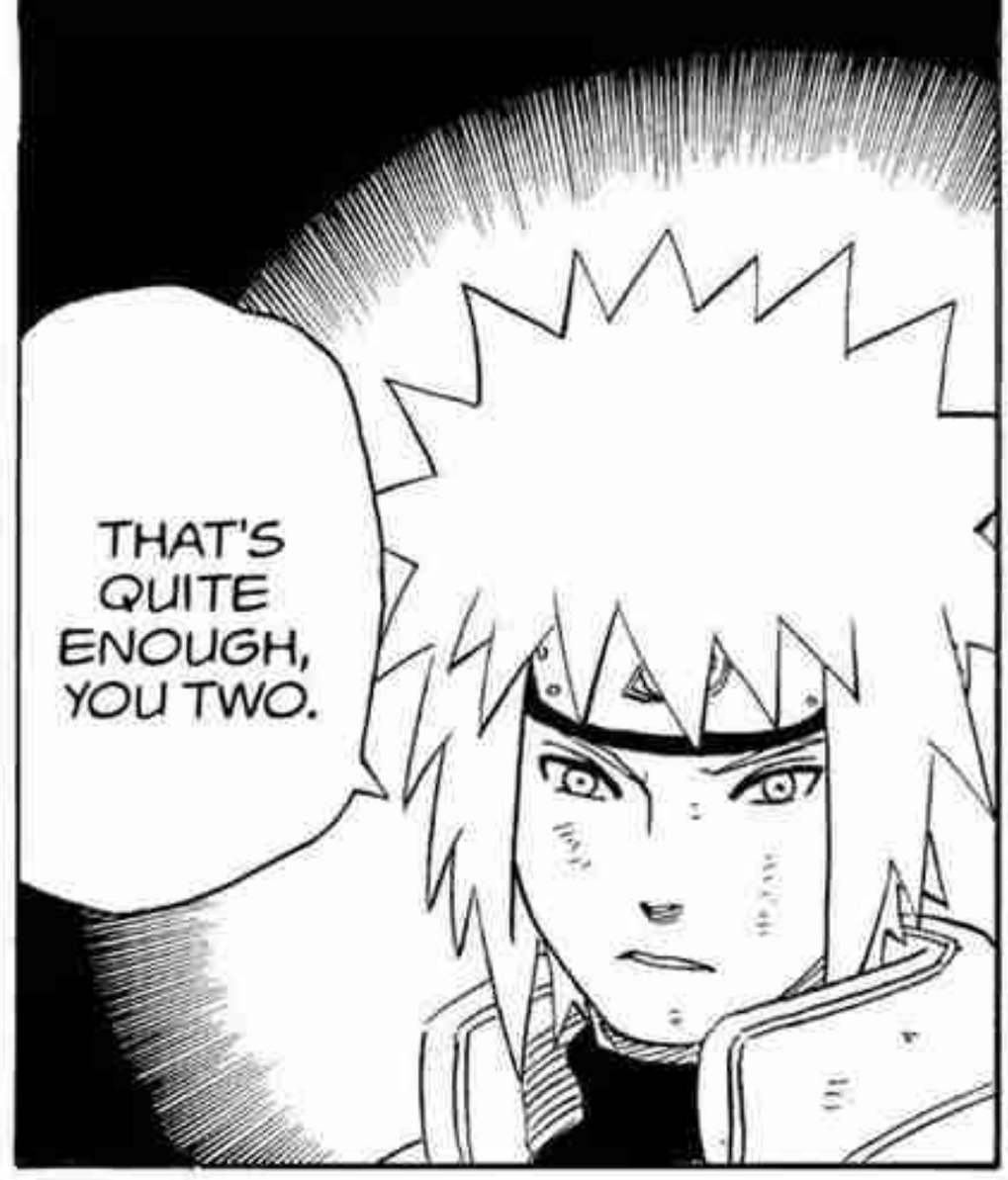
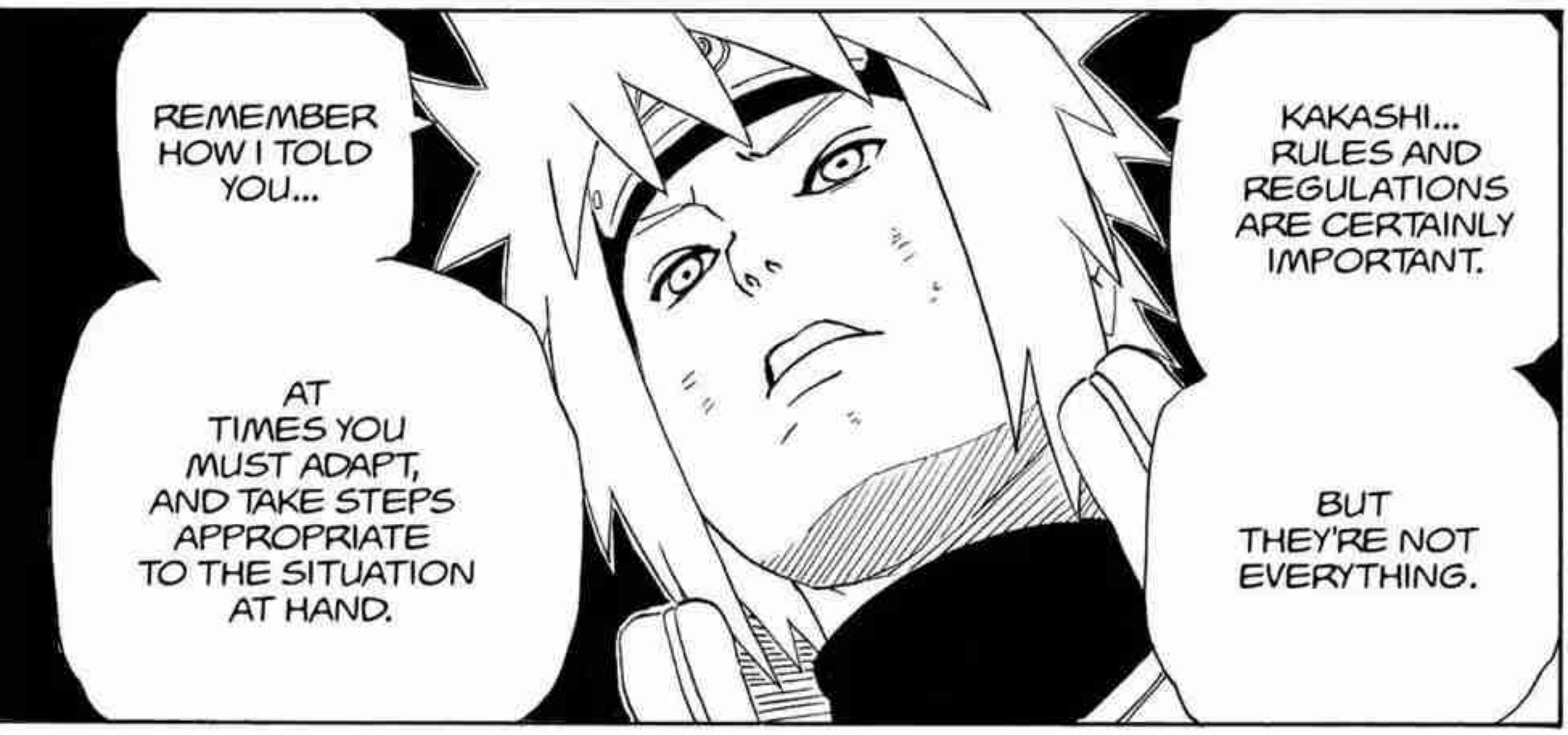

THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH, YOU TWO.


REMEMBER HOW I TOLD YOU...
AT TIMES YOU MUST ADAPT, AND TAKE STEPS APPROPRIATE TO THE SITUATION AT HAND.
KAKASHI... RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE CERTAINLY IMPORTANT.
BUT THEY'RE NOT EVERYTHING.

IT'S FINE TO SPEAK OF SELF-CONTROL, BUT YOU MUST BE STRONG AT HEART, NOT JUST IN WORDS.
DUST CAN'T GET IN YOUR EYES WHEN YOU'RE WEARING GOGGLES.

AS FOR YOU, OBITO...
SEE! LISTEN UP!

...

BUT IT MAKES YOU MOVE TOO FAST TO ASCERTAIN THE OPPONENT'S COUNTERATTACK.

IT'S STILL IMPERFECT.

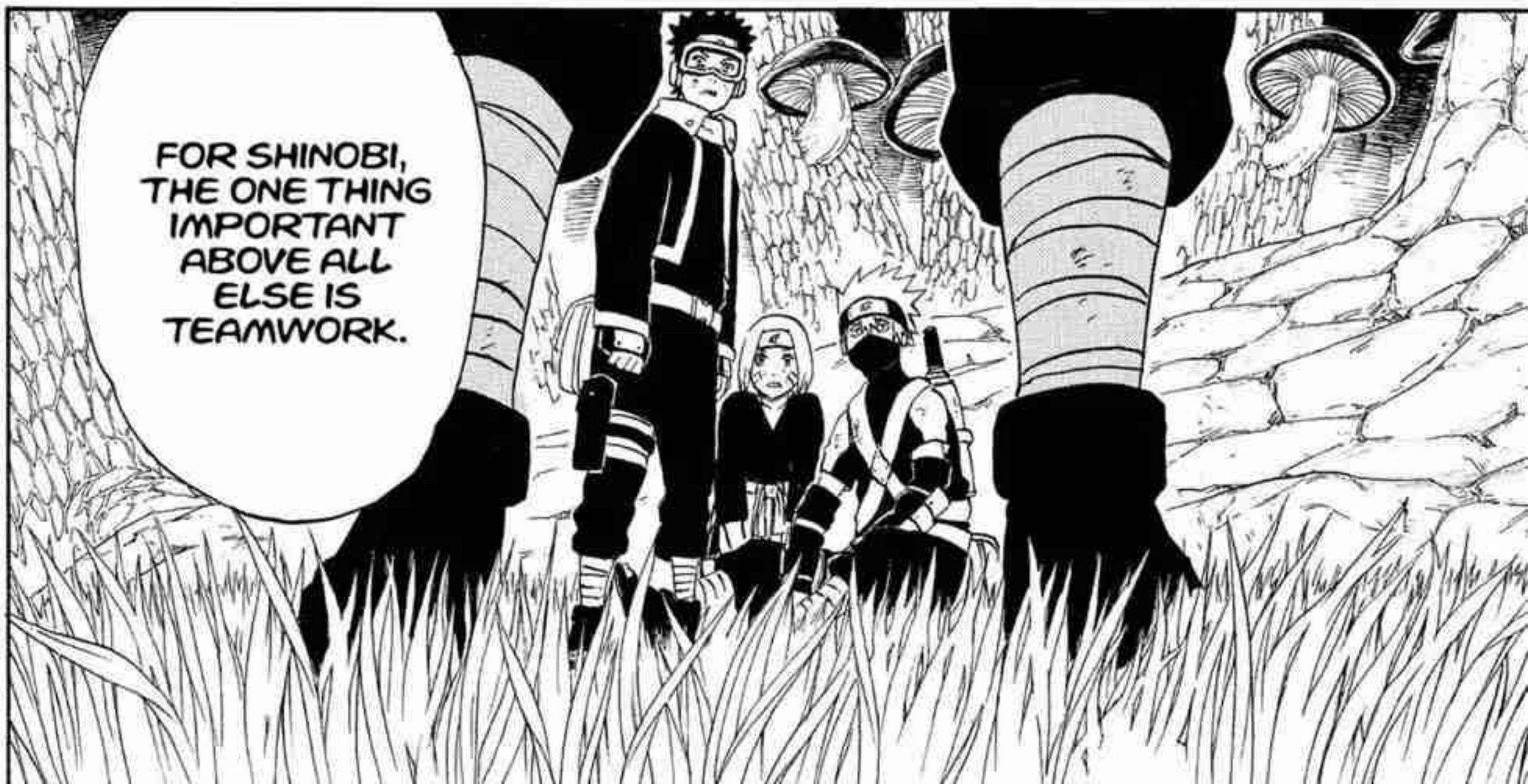
FROM WHAT I SAW, IT'S A STRIKE WITH A SINGLE FOCUS.

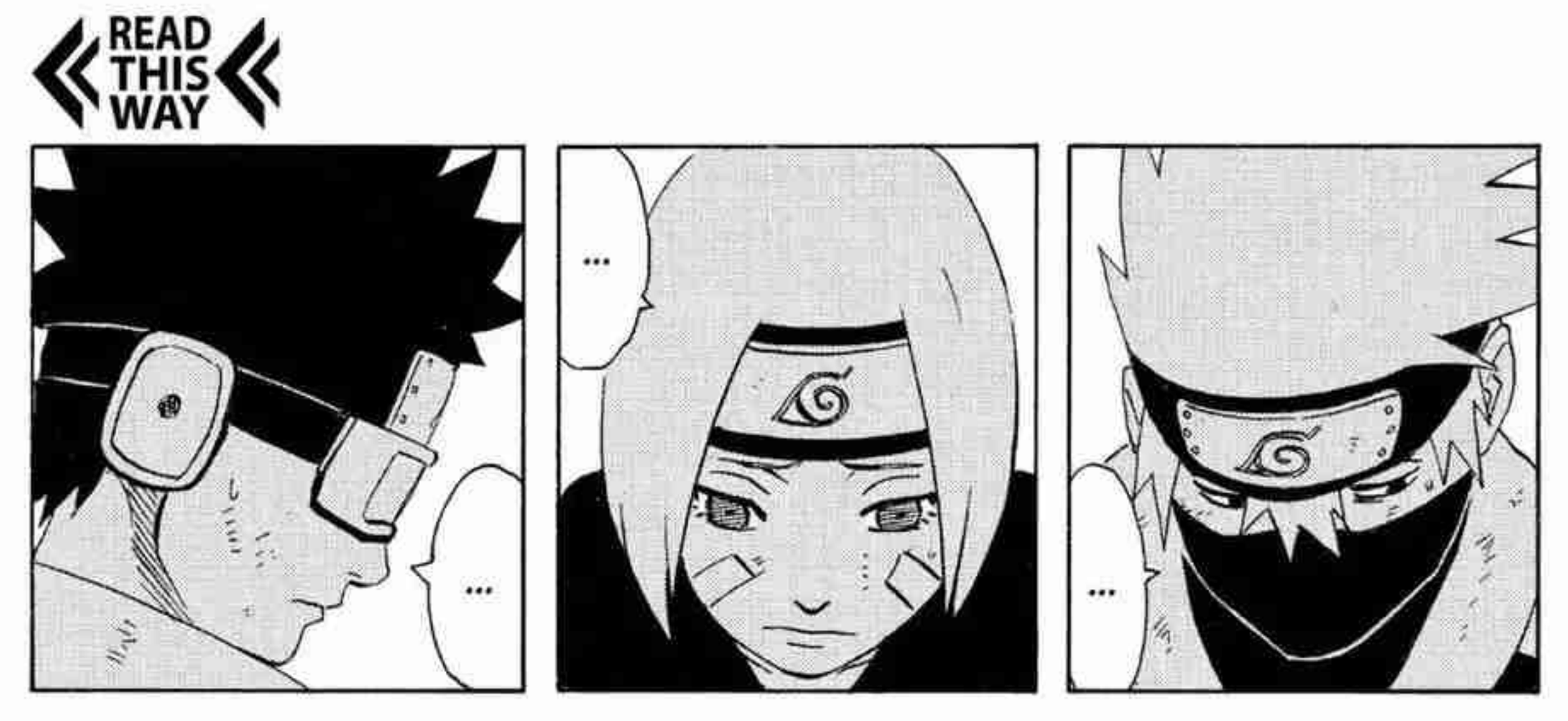
IT CERTAINLY HAS SPEED AND DESTRUCTIVE POWER...

ABOUT THAT NEW JUTSU OF YOURS.

AND ONE MORE THING... KAKASHI.

YOU SHOULDN'T USE IT ANYMORE.




READ THIS WAY
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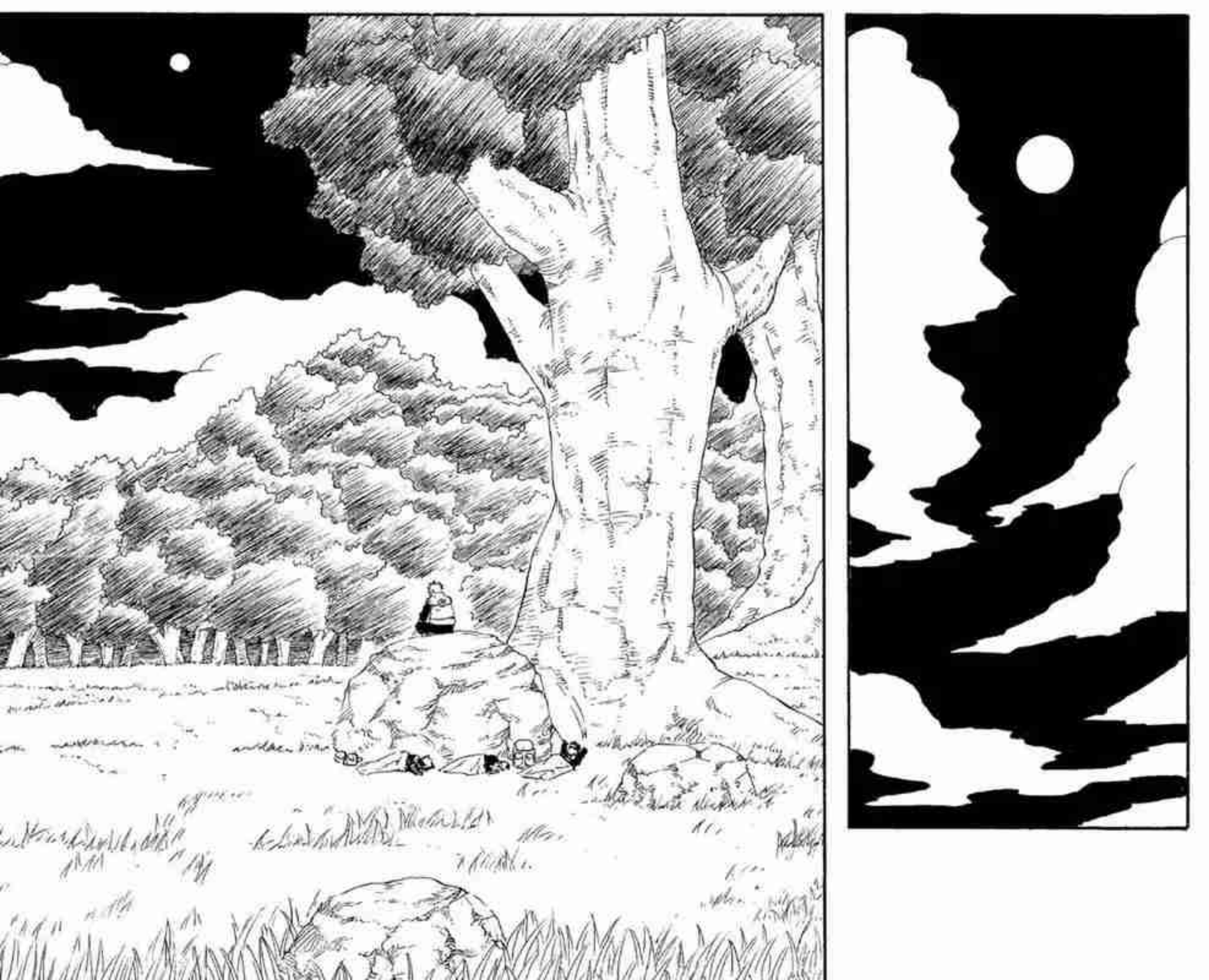
NOW...
LET'S GET GOING...



WHAT'S UP?
HM?
WSST

MASTER...
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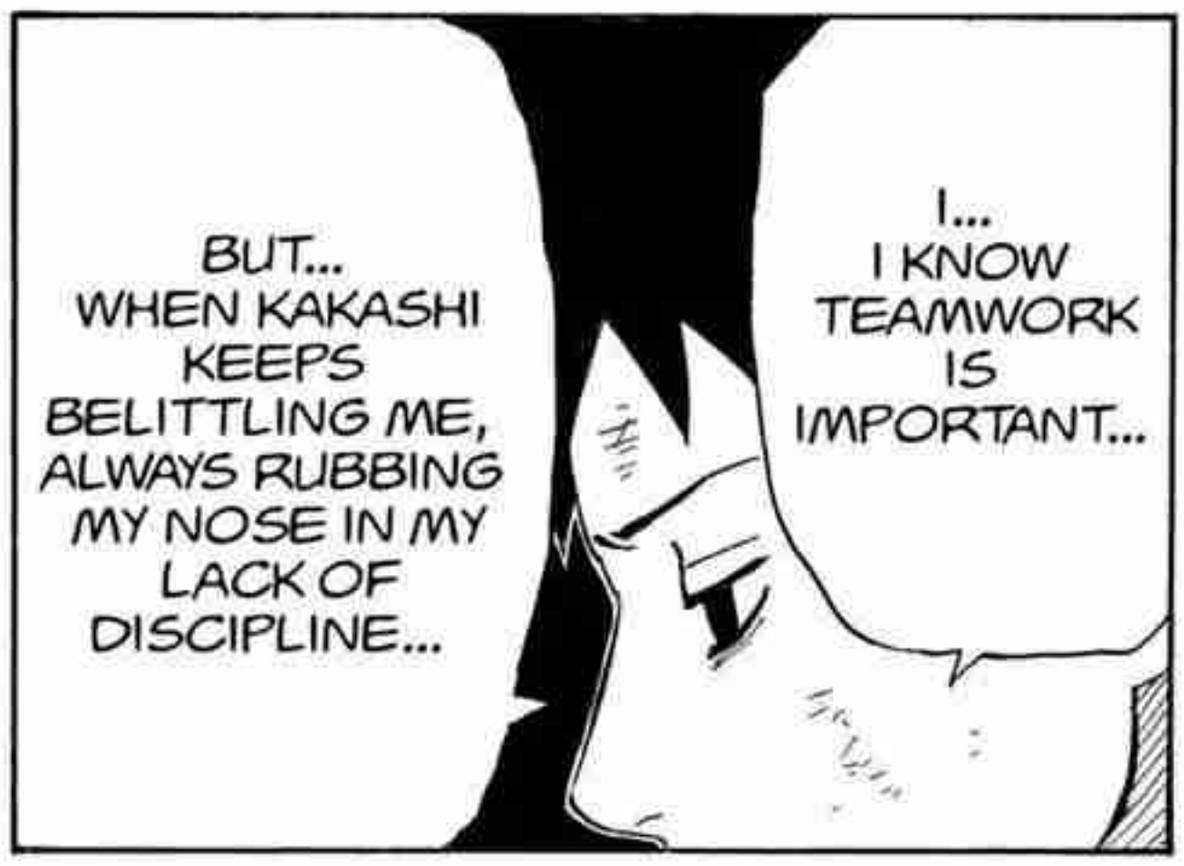
BUT... WHEN KAKASHI KEEPS BELITTLING ME, ALWAYS RUBBING MY NOSE IN MY LACK OF DISCIPLINE...
I... I KNOW TEAMWORK IS IMPORTANT...

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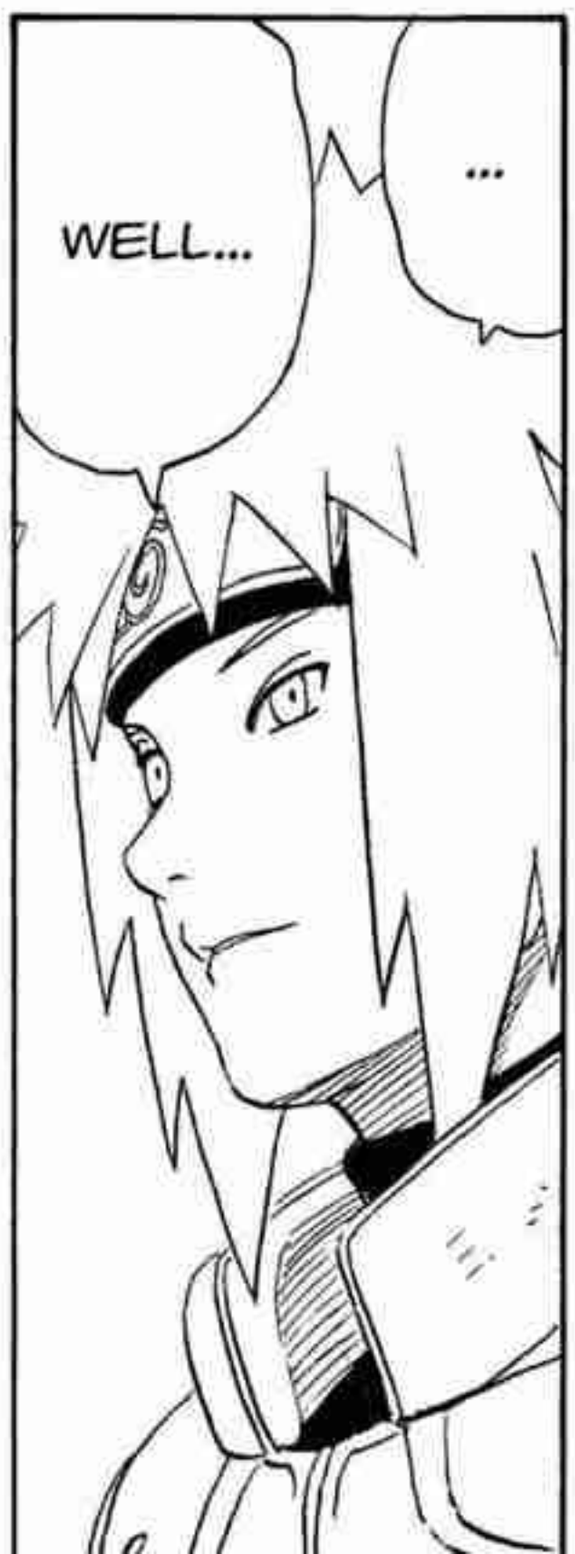
WELL...
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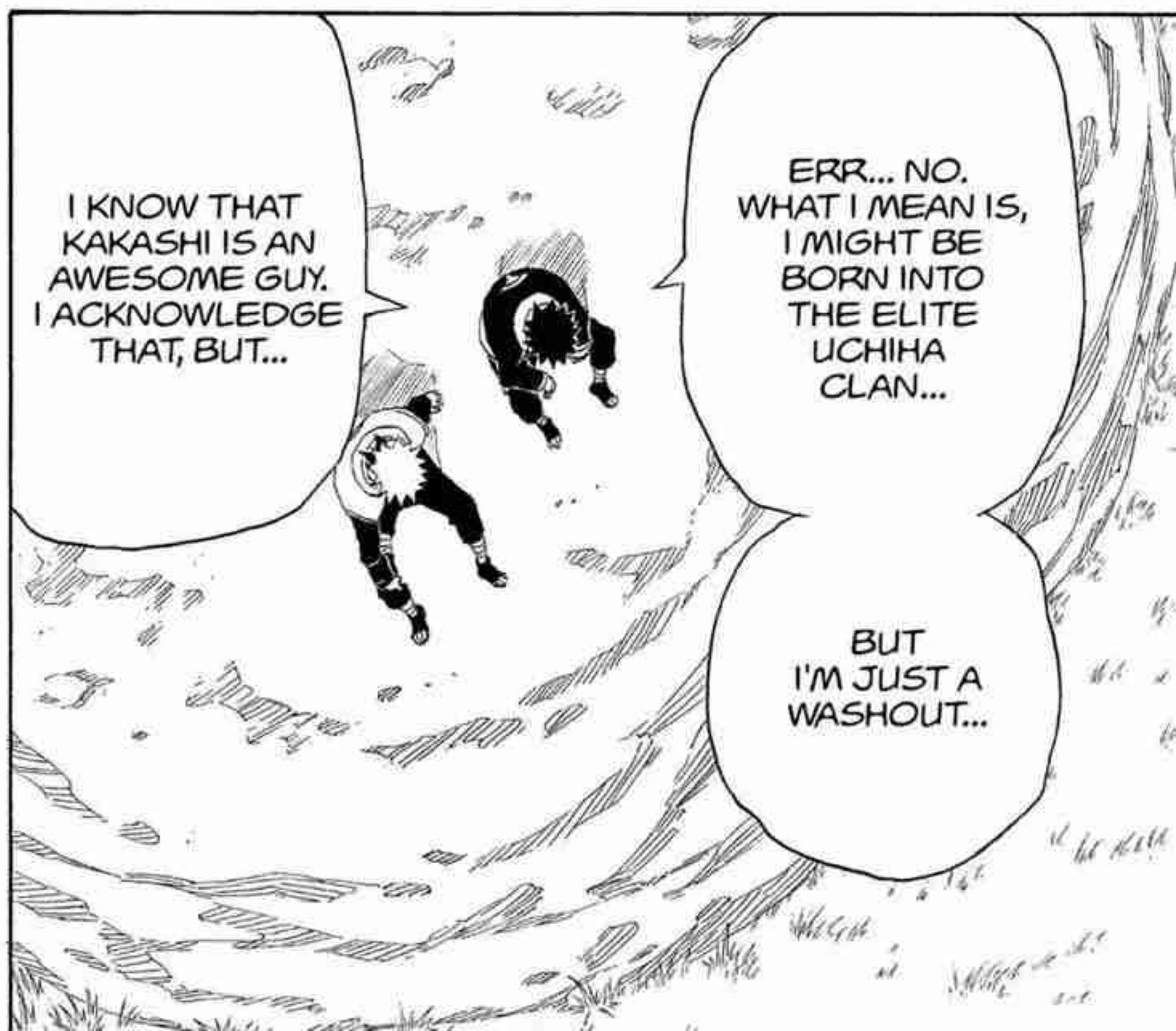

I KNOW THAT KAKASHI IS AN AWESOME GUY. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, BUT...
ERR... NO. WHAT I MEAN IS, I MIGHT BE BORN INTO THE ELITE UCHIHA CLAN...
BUT I'M JUST A WASHOUT...

GROWING UP BESIDE A MAN LIKE THAT...

IT'S HARDLY A SURPRISE THAT KAKASHI'S STANDARDS FOR OTHERS ARE UNNATURALLY HIGH.

KAKASHI'S FATHER IS SAKUMO, THE GENIUS NINJA FEARED AS THE WHITE FANG OF KONOHA.

IN HIS TIME, THE "THREE GREAT SHINOBI" OF KONOHA LEGEND PALED BESIDE HIM.

HE WAS A GREAT MAN, REVERED BY EVERYONE... INCLUDING, OF COURSE, KAKASHI.

...

...

FUNNY, I'VE NEVER HEARD KAKASHI SAY A WORD ABOUT HIM...

HE'S SOME HERO WHO SAVED THE VILLAGE, AND DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY...

THE WHITE FANG... COME TO THINK OF IT, I'M SURE I'VE HEARD OF HIM.

...

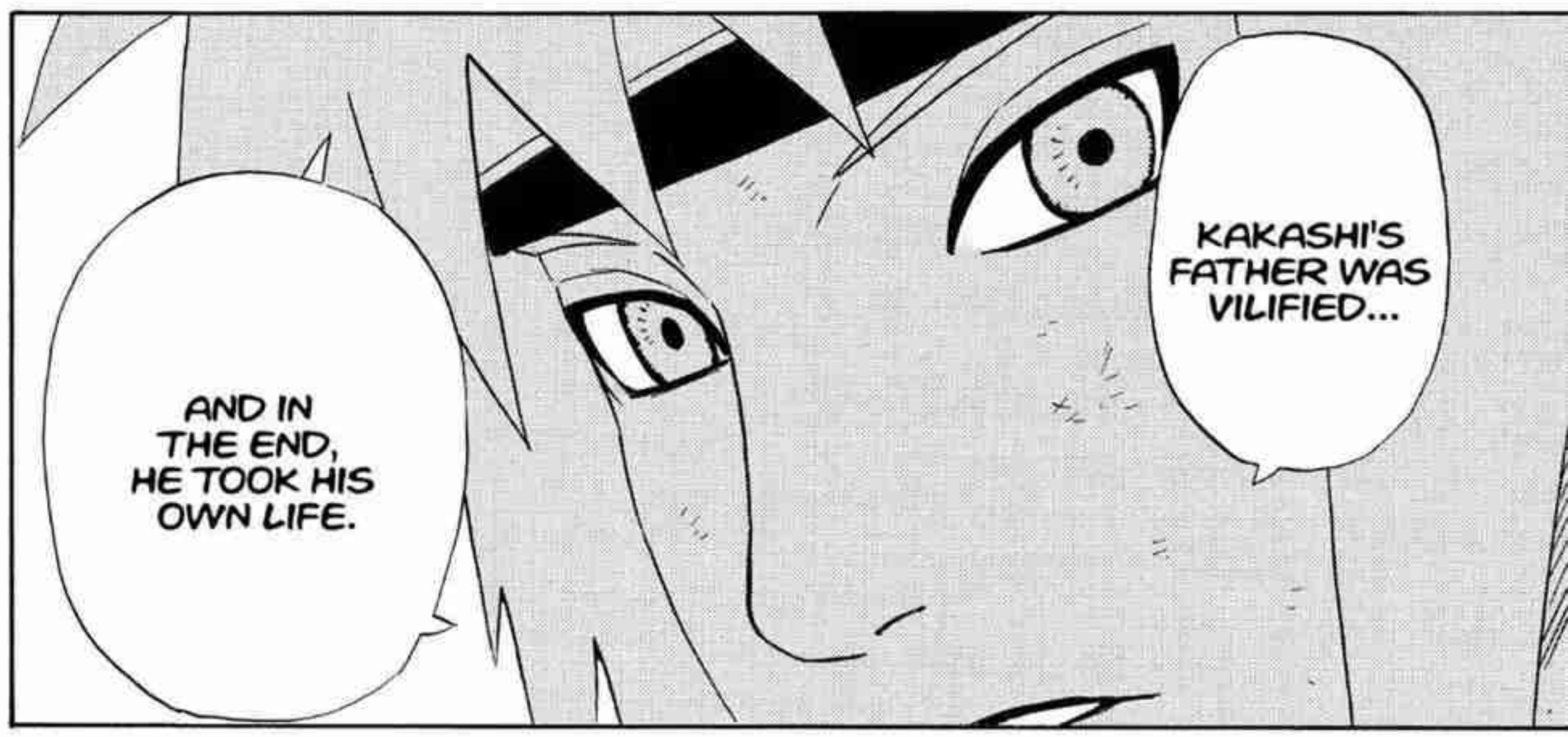
INCI-DENT?

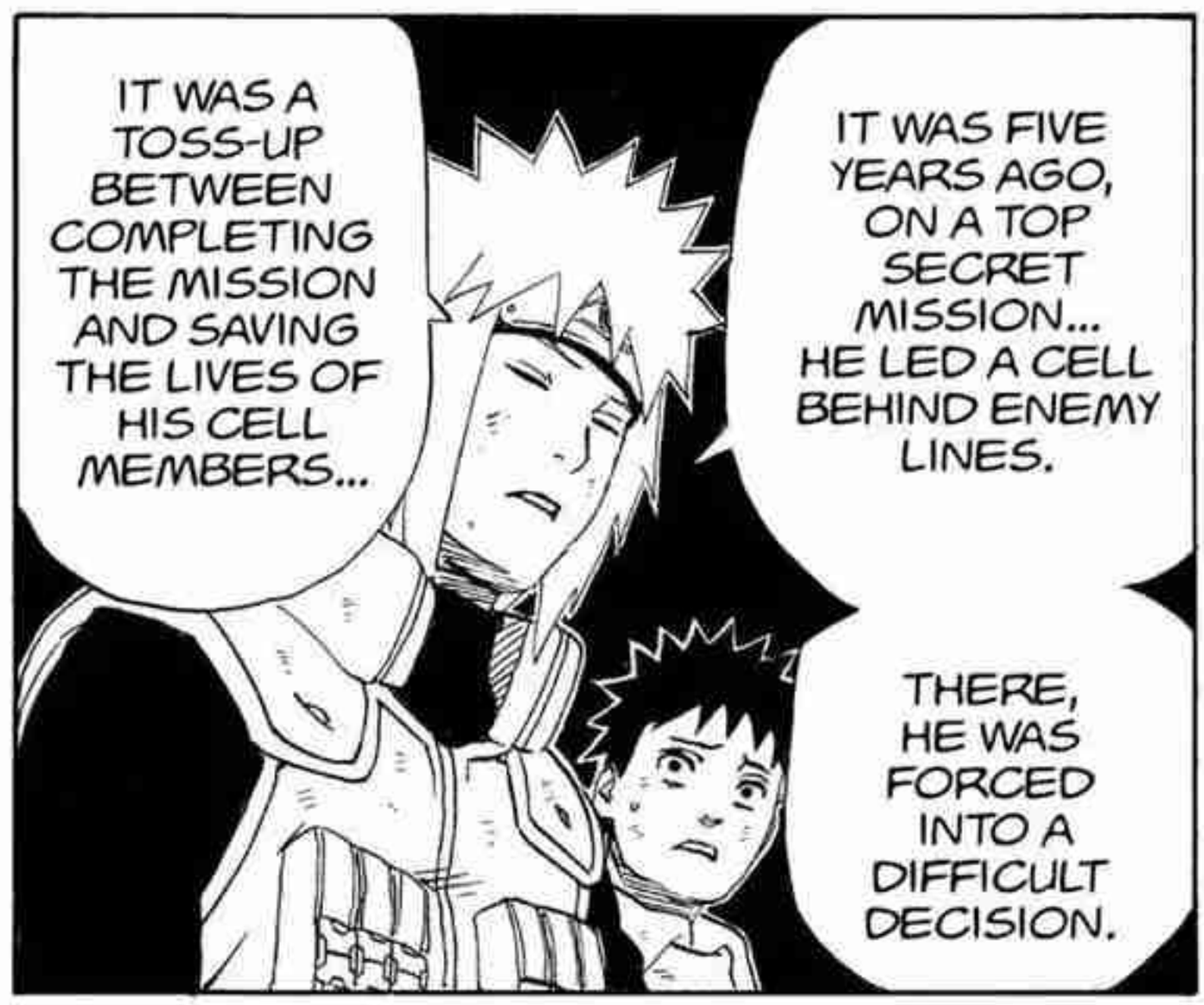
THAT IS, UNTIL THE INCIDENT...

...

...
WHAT HAPPENED?

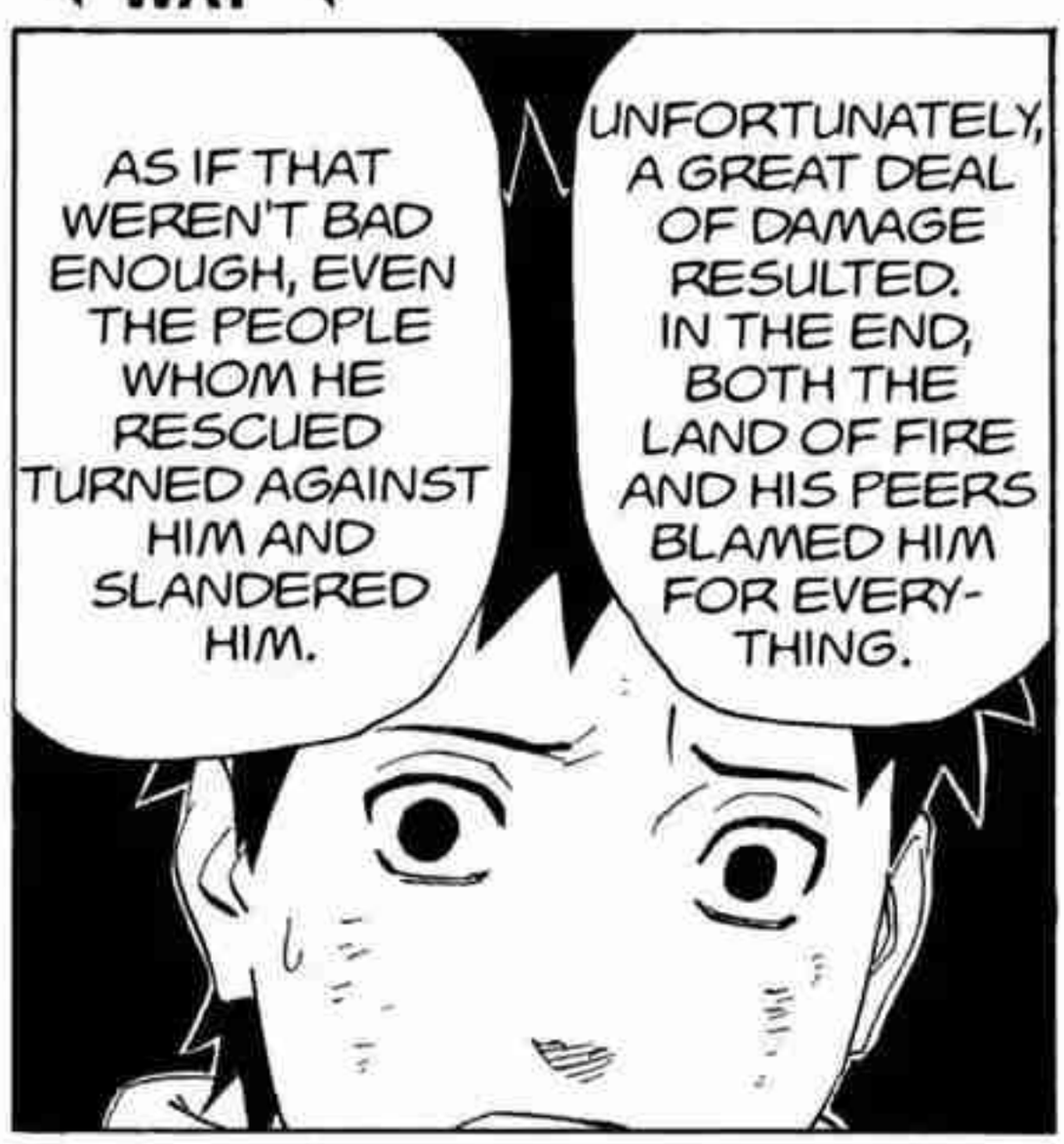
BUT SINCE YOU'RE KAKASHI'S TEAMMATE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW.
MAYBE IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO TELL YOU THE STORY...

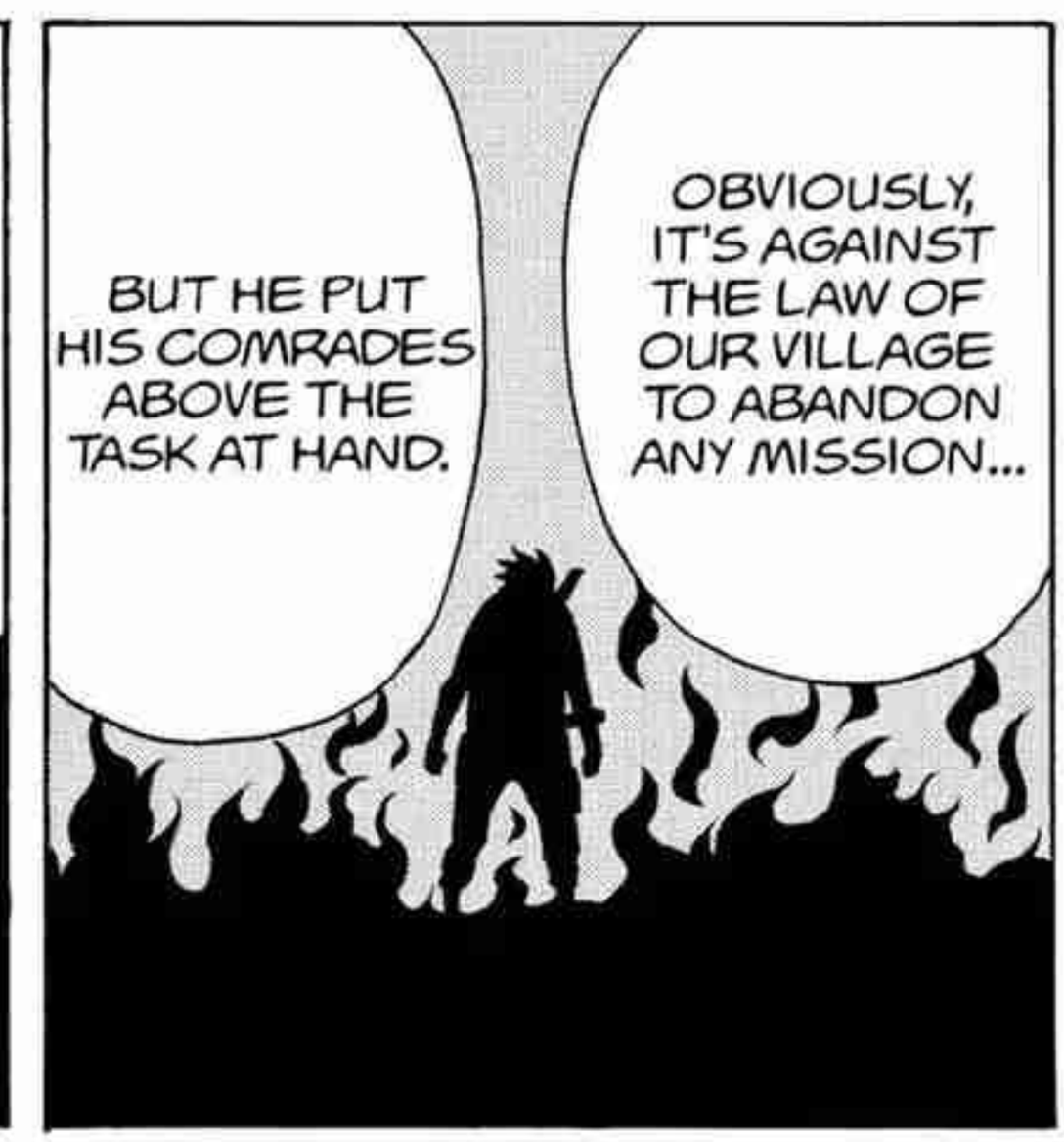

AND IN THE END, HE TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.
KAKASHI'S FATHER WAS VILIFIED...

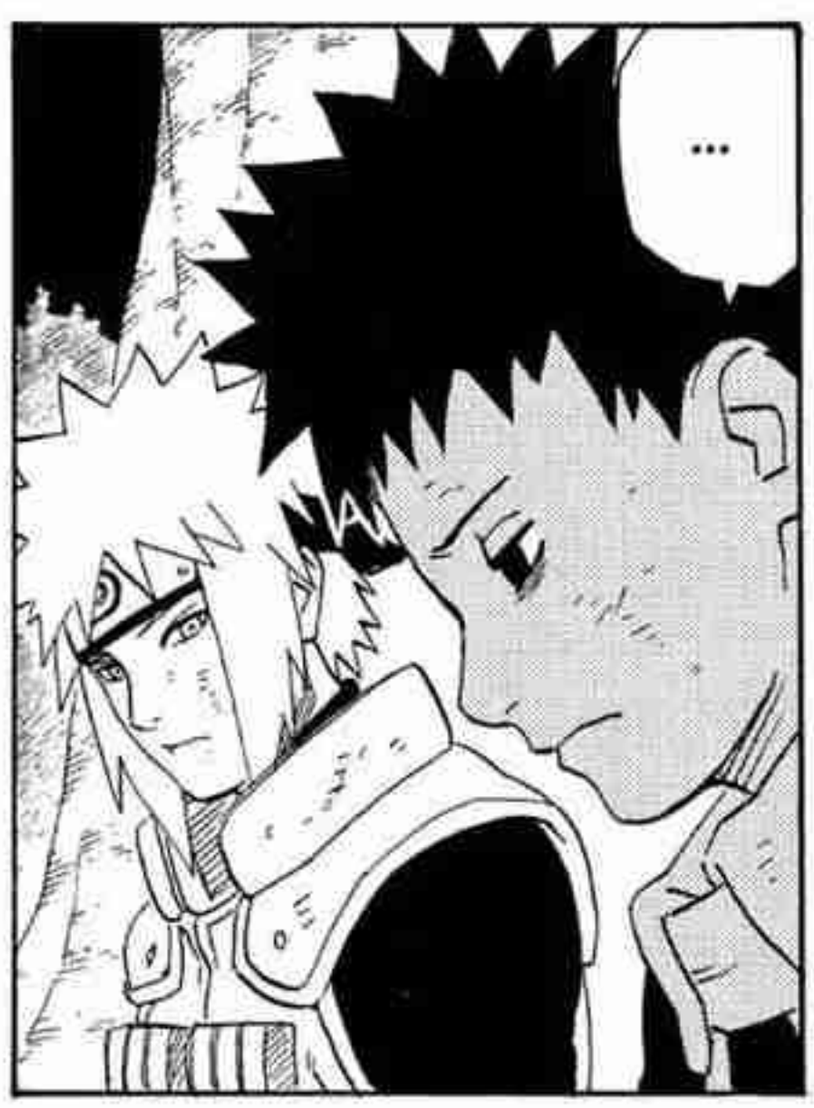

IT WAS A TOSS-UP BETWEEN COMPLETING THE MISSION AND SAVING THE LIVES OF HIS CELL MEMBERS...
IT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO, ON A TOP SECRET MISSION... HE LED A CELL BEHIND ENEMY LINES.
THERE, HE WAS FORCED INTO A DIFFICULT DECISION.

HUH?!

READ
THIS
WAY


AS IF THAT WEREN'T BAD ENOUGH, EVEN THE PEOPLE WHOM HE RESCUED TURNED AGAINST HIM AND SLANDERED HIM.
UNFORTUNATELY, A GREAT DEAL OF DAMAGE RESULTED. IN THE END, BOTH THE LAND OF FIRE AND HIS PEERS BLAMED HIM FOR EVERY-THING.


BUT HE PUT HIS COMRADES ABOVE THE TASK AT HAND.
OBVIOUSLY, IT'S AGAINST THE LAW OF OUR VILLAGE TO ABANDON ANY MISSION...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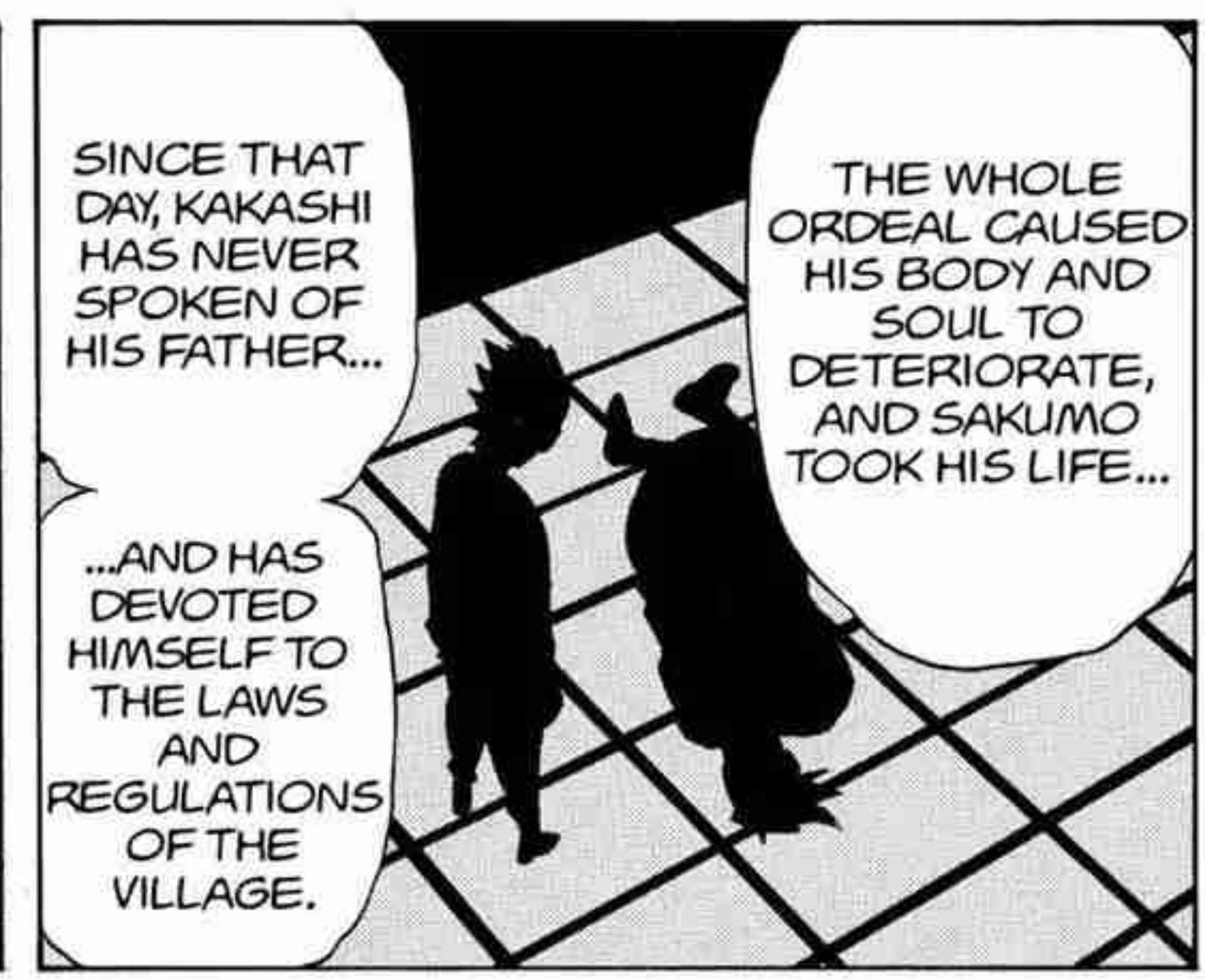
SINCE THAT DAY, KAKASHI HAS NEVER SPOKEN OF HIS FATHER...
...AND HAS DEVOTED HIMSELF TO THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.
THE WHOLE ORDEAL CAUSED HIS BODY AND SOUL TO DETERIORATE, AND SAKUMO TOOK HIS LIFE...

KAKASHI MEANS WELL.
ZZZ...
ZZZ...
OBITO... PLEASE UNDERSTAND... EVEN JUST A LITTLE.

NARUTO
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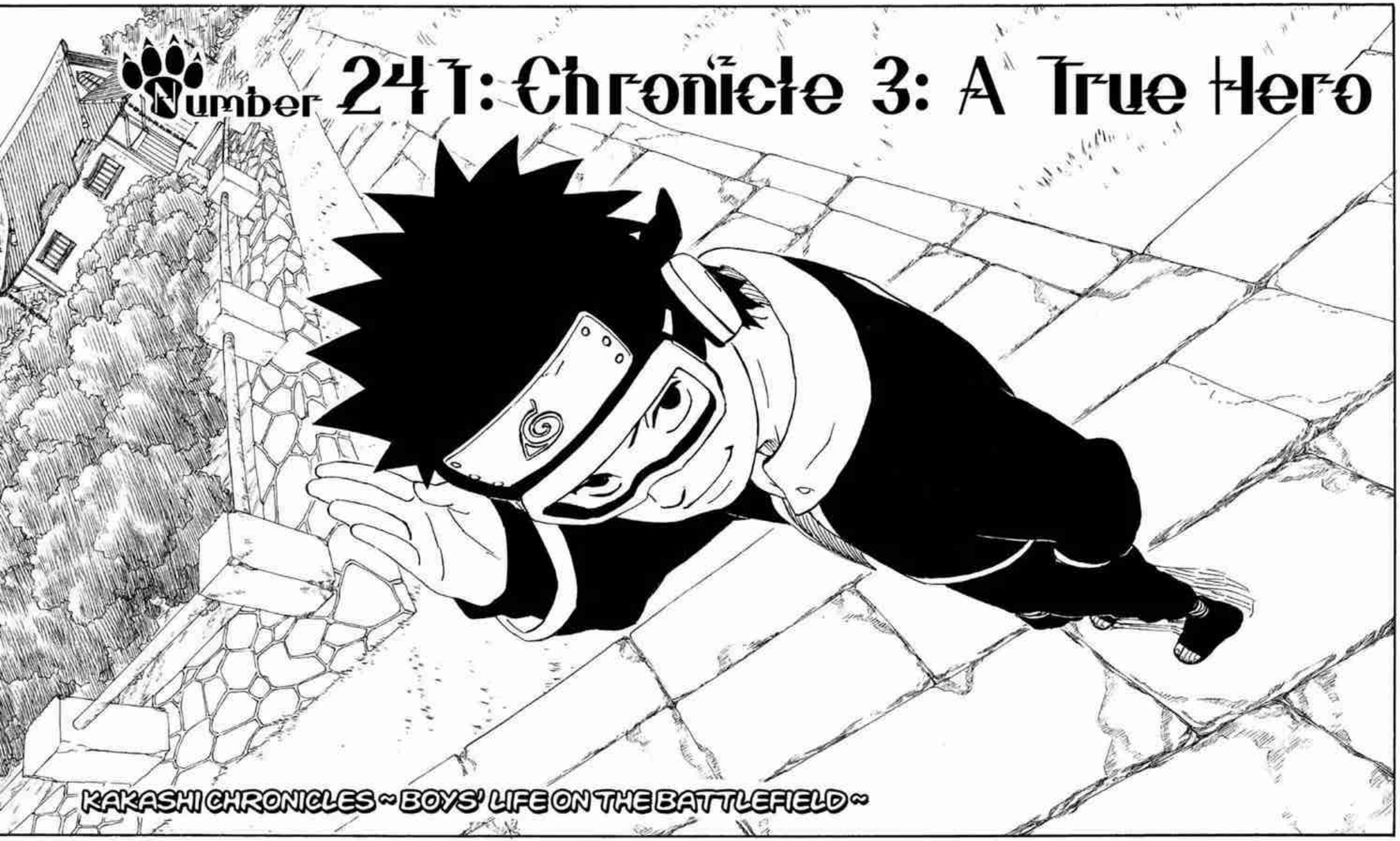
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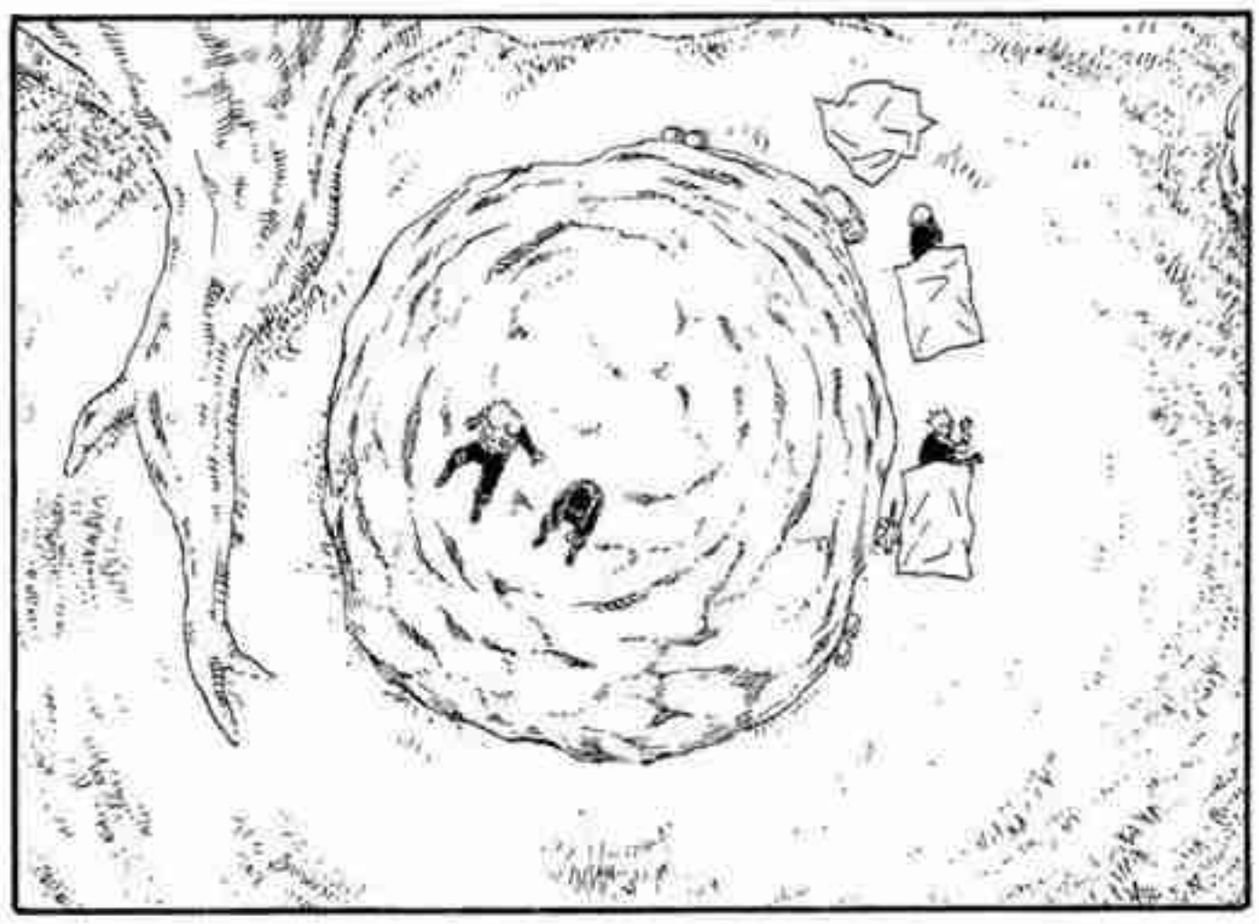
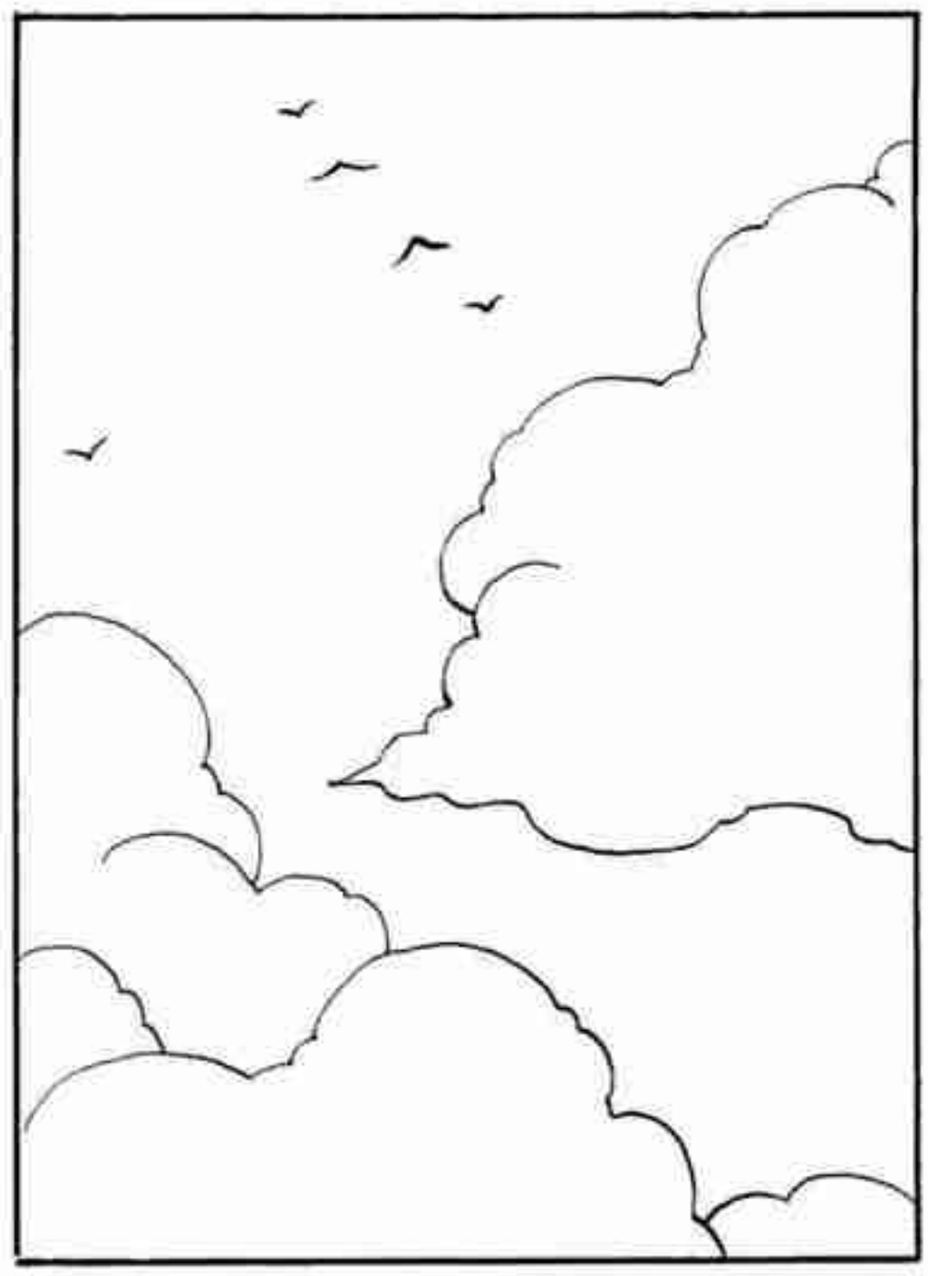
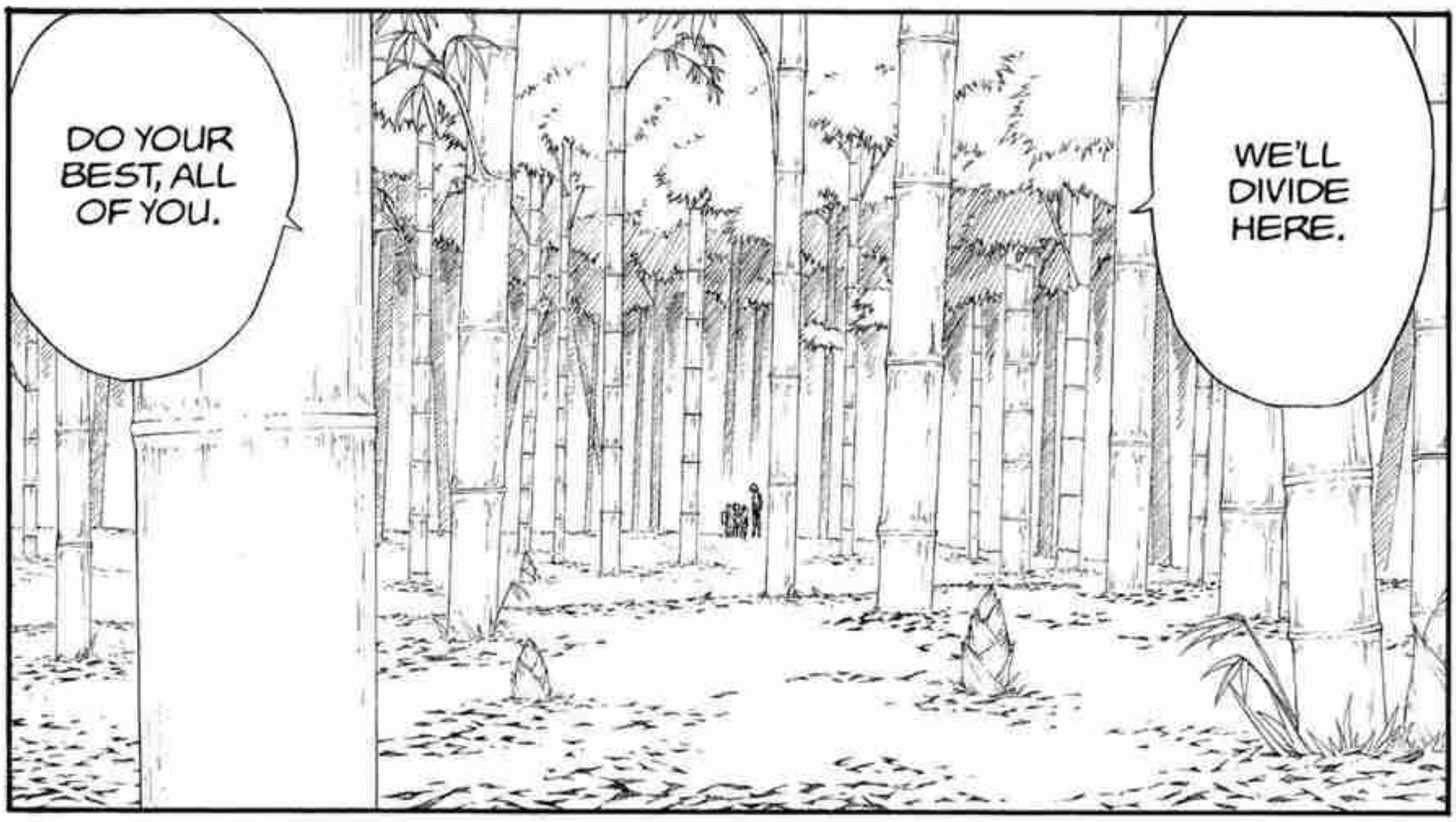


YEAH...
BUT IF YOU AREN'T CAREFUL, THE WOUND WILL OPEN.
IT'S HEALING.



YES SIR!

LET'S GET GOING.
OKAY!


DO YOUR BEST, ALL OF YOU.
WE'LL DIVIDE HERE.

SO BE ON YOUR GUARD...
THE ENEMY WE MET YESTERDAY WAS A LONE SCOUT.
BUT FROM NOW ON, WE MUST EXPECT TEAM CONFLICT.

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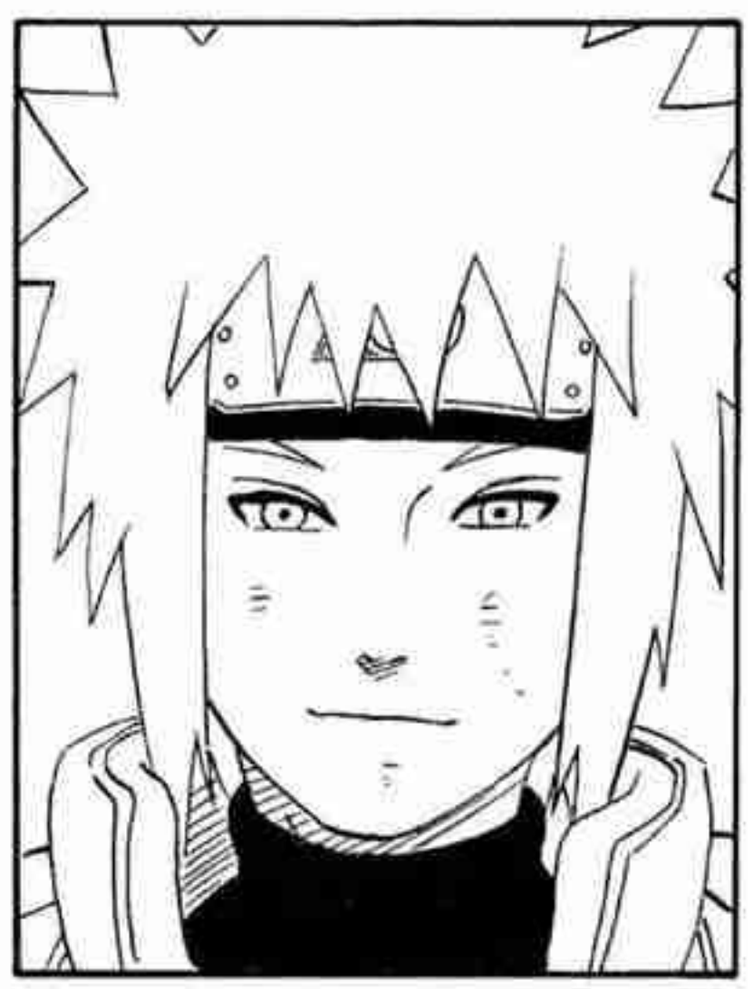
LET'S GO THEN... LEADER.



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SHIKI
SCATTER!!

SST
YES SIR!!
ALL RIGHT... READY?!

READ THIS WAY

HEY... YOU KNOW, MAHIRU HASN'T RETURNED SINCE HE WENT OFF TO SCOUT...

FIREBALL TECHNIQUE!!
FIRE STYLE!
FWIP
FWIP
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OM
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SPLOOSH
SPASH
SPASH

SWWOOO

SWOO

!
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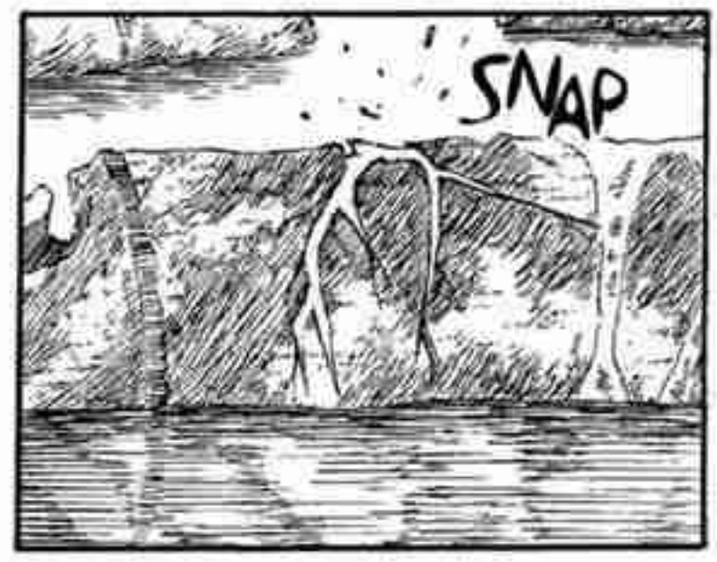
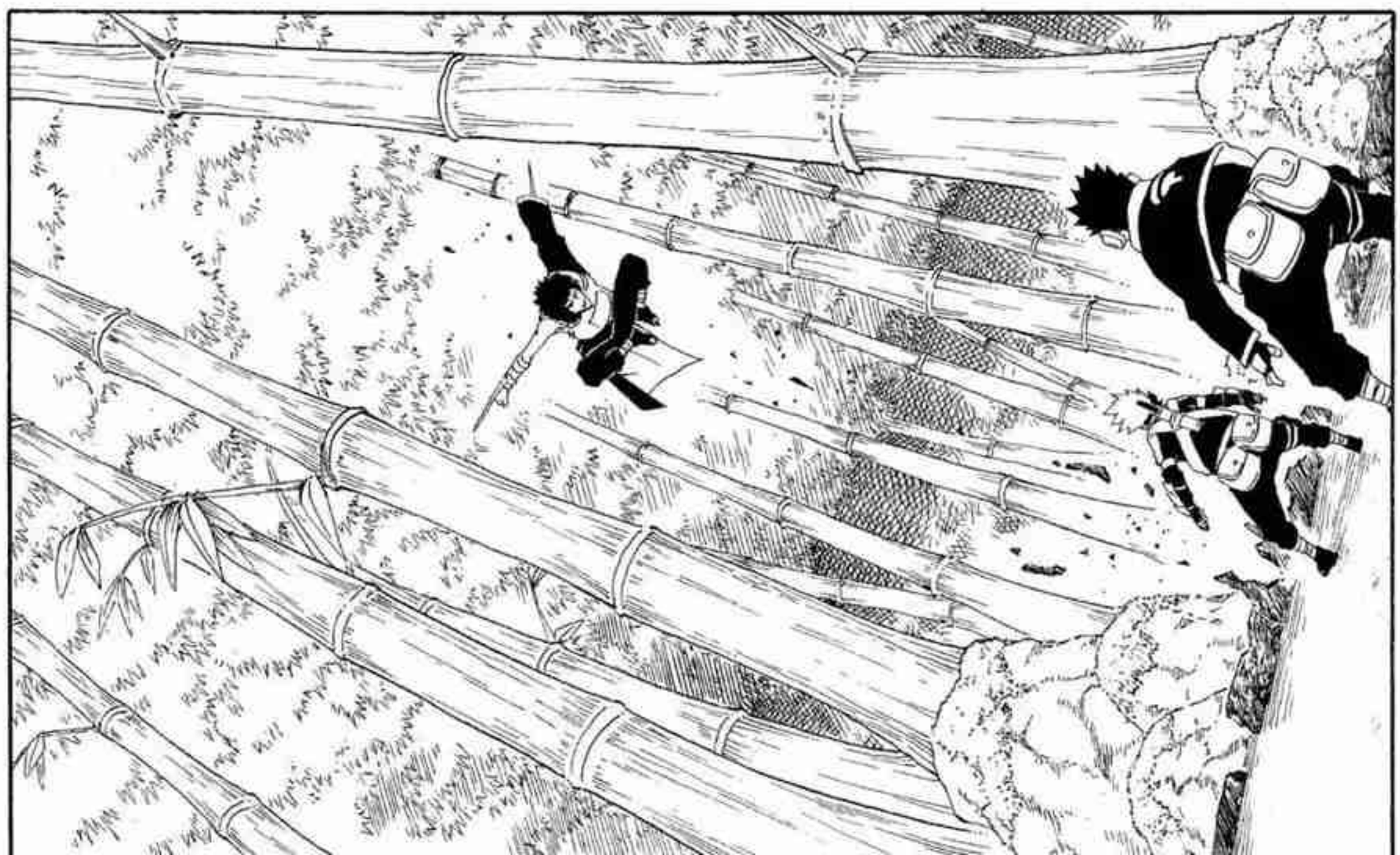

SNAP



CHING

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SHHK

SHE HAS FOUND A NEW MASTER.

OONNG

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!

URK!

WAIT!!

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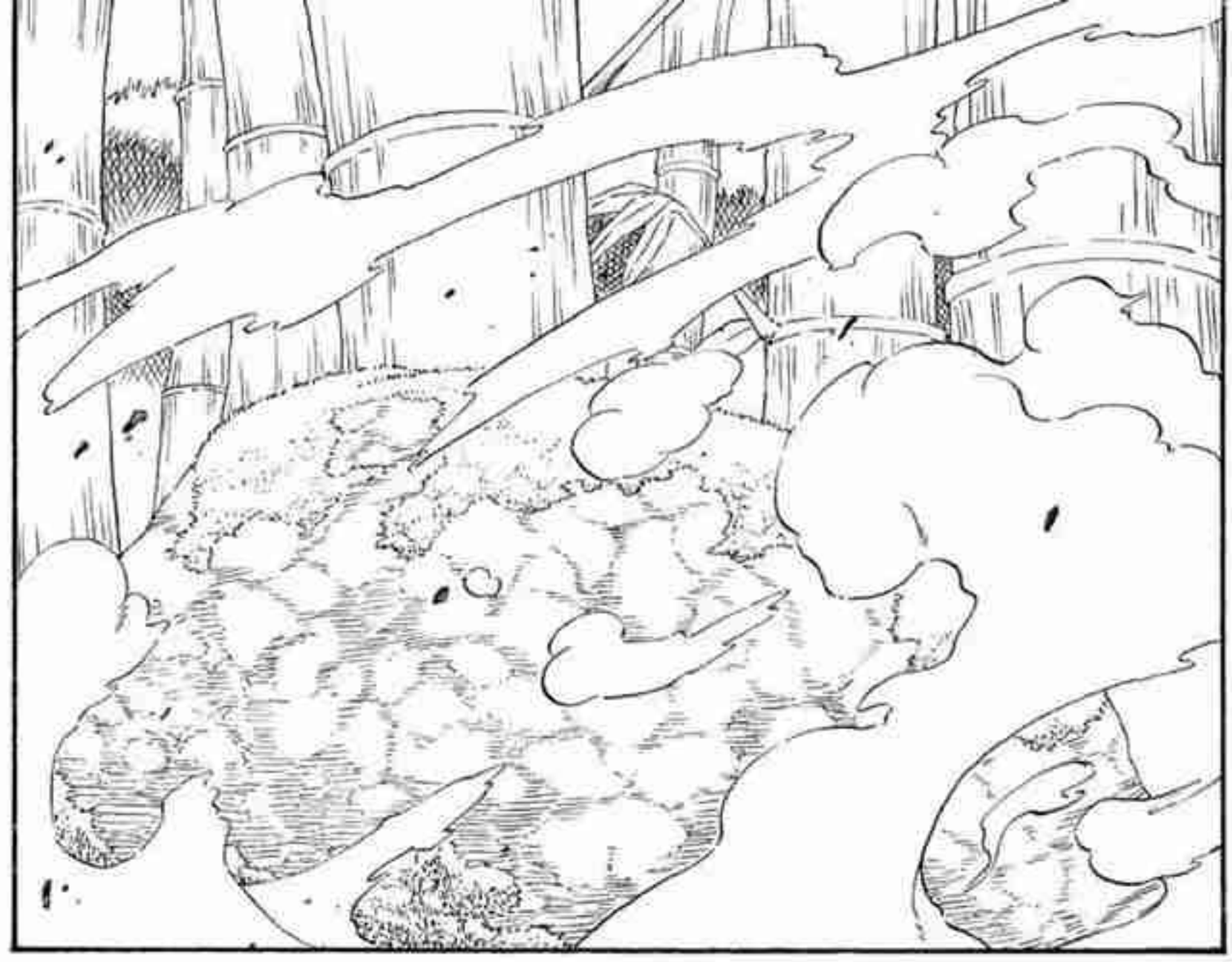

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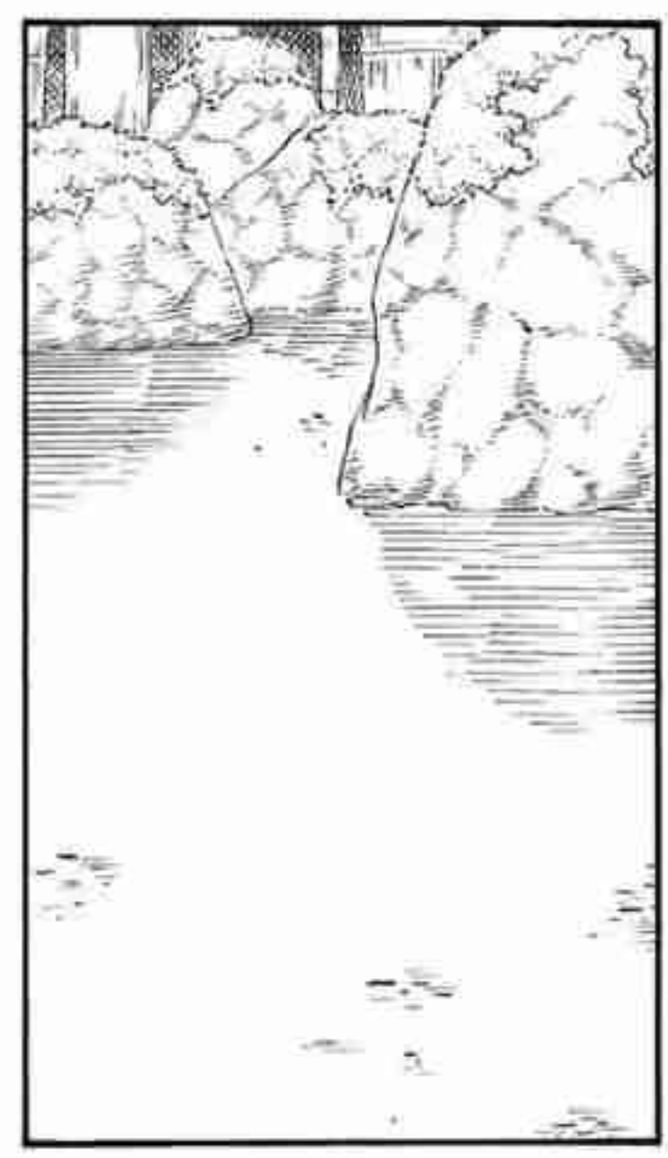
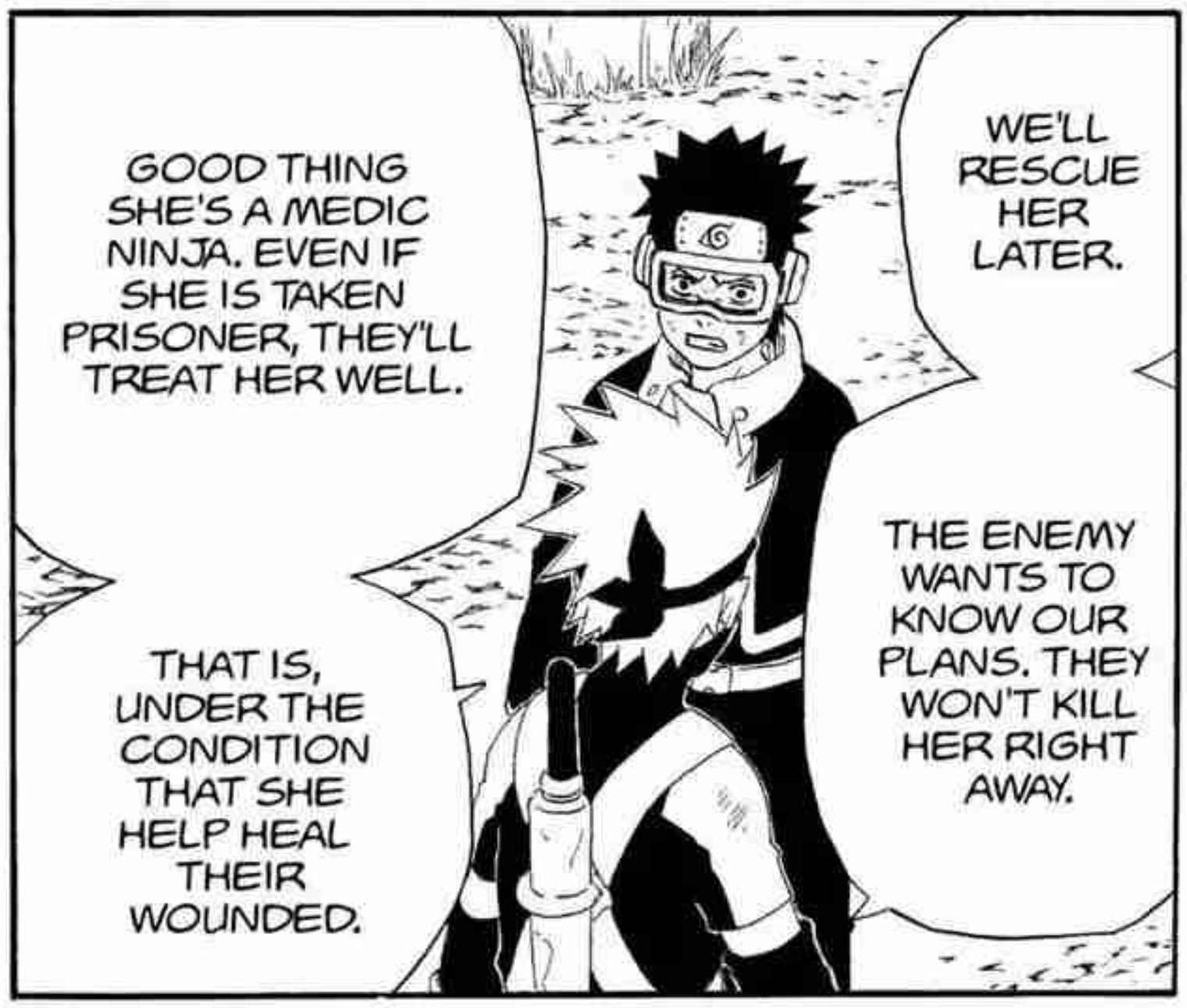
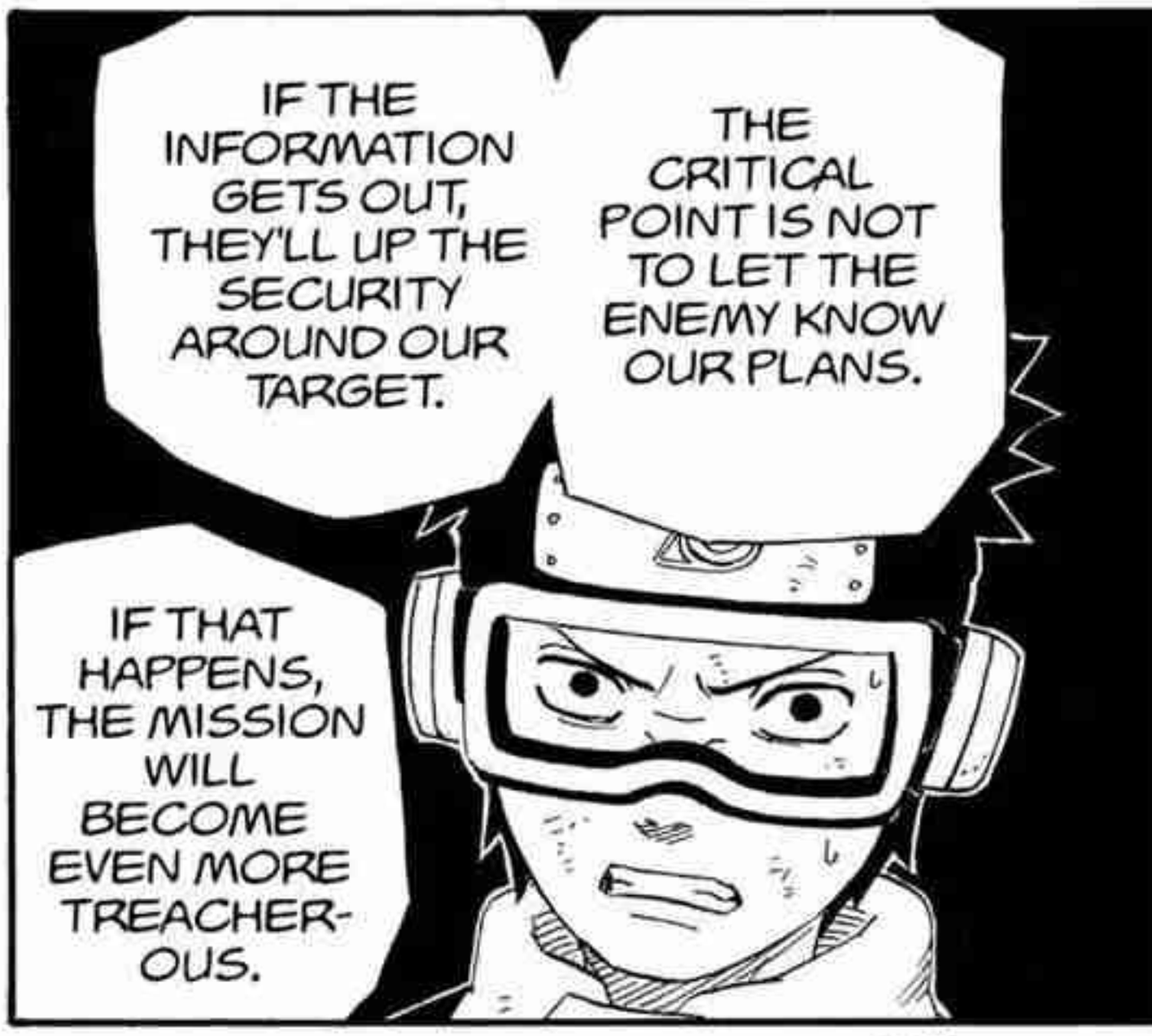
OBITO! DON'T CHASE THEM!
NGAAHH!!
SPASSH

...WHAT YOU SAID JUST NOW?
WHAT?!
OF COURSE.
DO YOU HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA...



FROM HERE ON, THE TWO OF US WILL PROCEED WITH OUR MISSION.





READ
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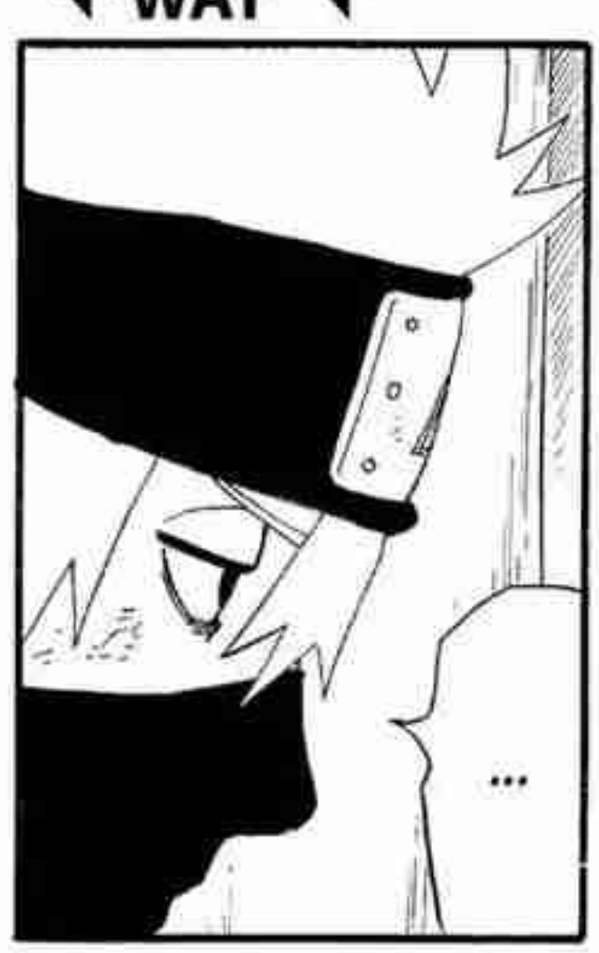
WAY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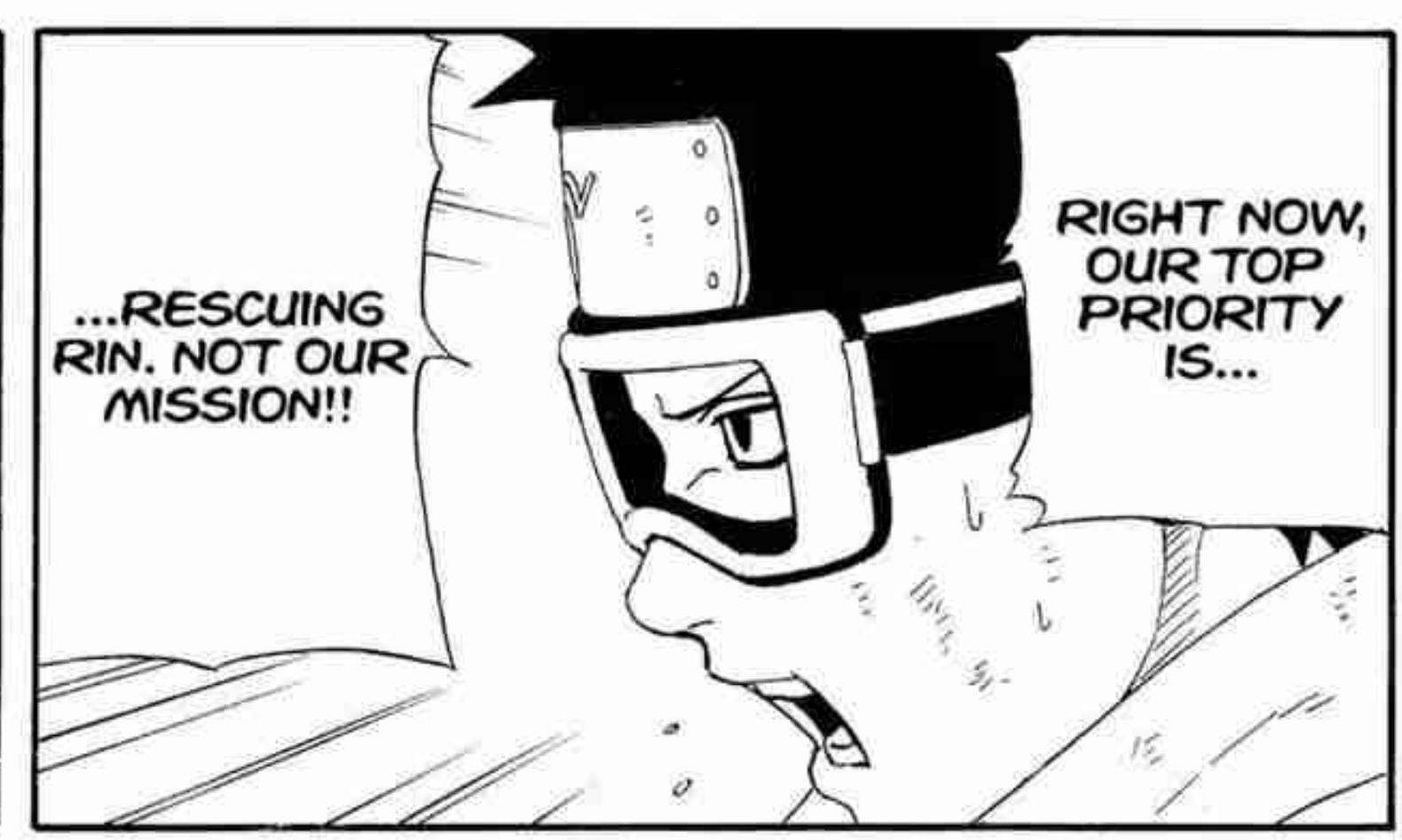
...RESCUING RIN. NOT OUR MISSION!!
RIGHT NOW, OUR TOP PRIORITY IS...

IF WE FAIL, THE WAR WILL DRAG ON...
WHICH MAY COST US EVEN MORE LIVES.
IF WE ARE SHINOBI... WE MUST CARRY OUT OUR MISSION EVEN AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR COMRADES.
THAT'S THE LAW.

OF COURSE... IT WAS HER JOB.

WITHOUT HER, WE WOULD'VE BEEN DEAD LONG AGO!!
EVERY TIME WE WERE WOUNDED, RIN SAVED OUR LIVES WITH HER MEDICAL NINJUTSU.

WE RISKED OUR LIVES TOGETHER!
THERE YOU ARE, GUESS-ING AGAIN!
ARE YOU WILLING TO DESERT HER FOR A MERE HYPO-THESIS?!!

POWW

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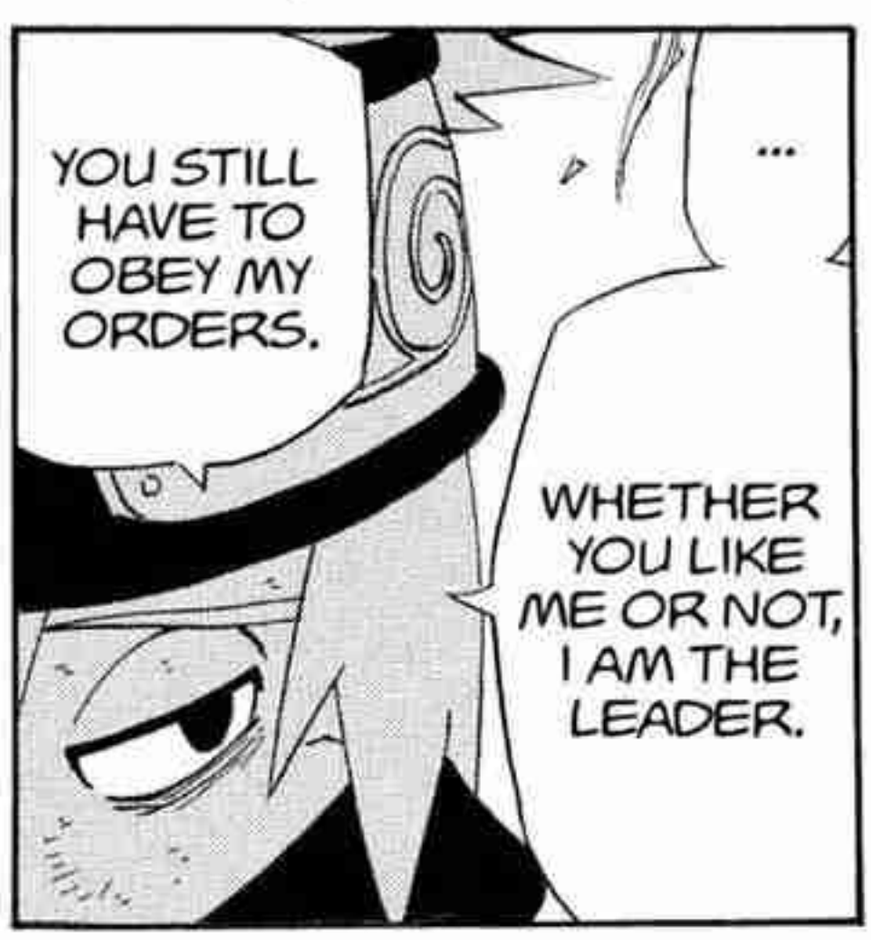
YOU STILL HAVE TO OBEY MY ORDERS.
...
WHETHER YOU LIKE ME OR NOT, I AM THE LEADER.

YOU KNOW, I'VE DECIDED...
I DON'T LIKE YOU!!

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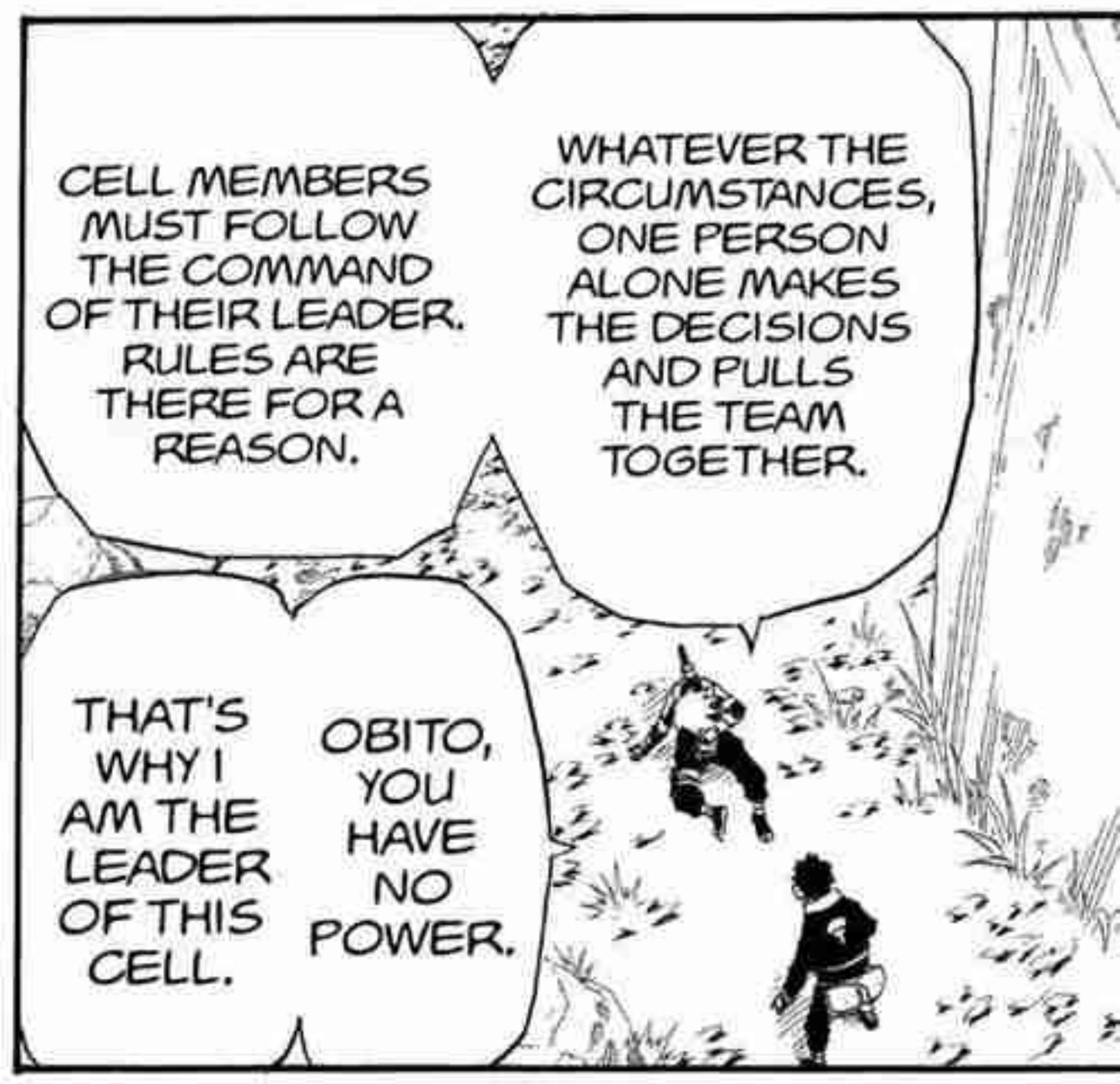
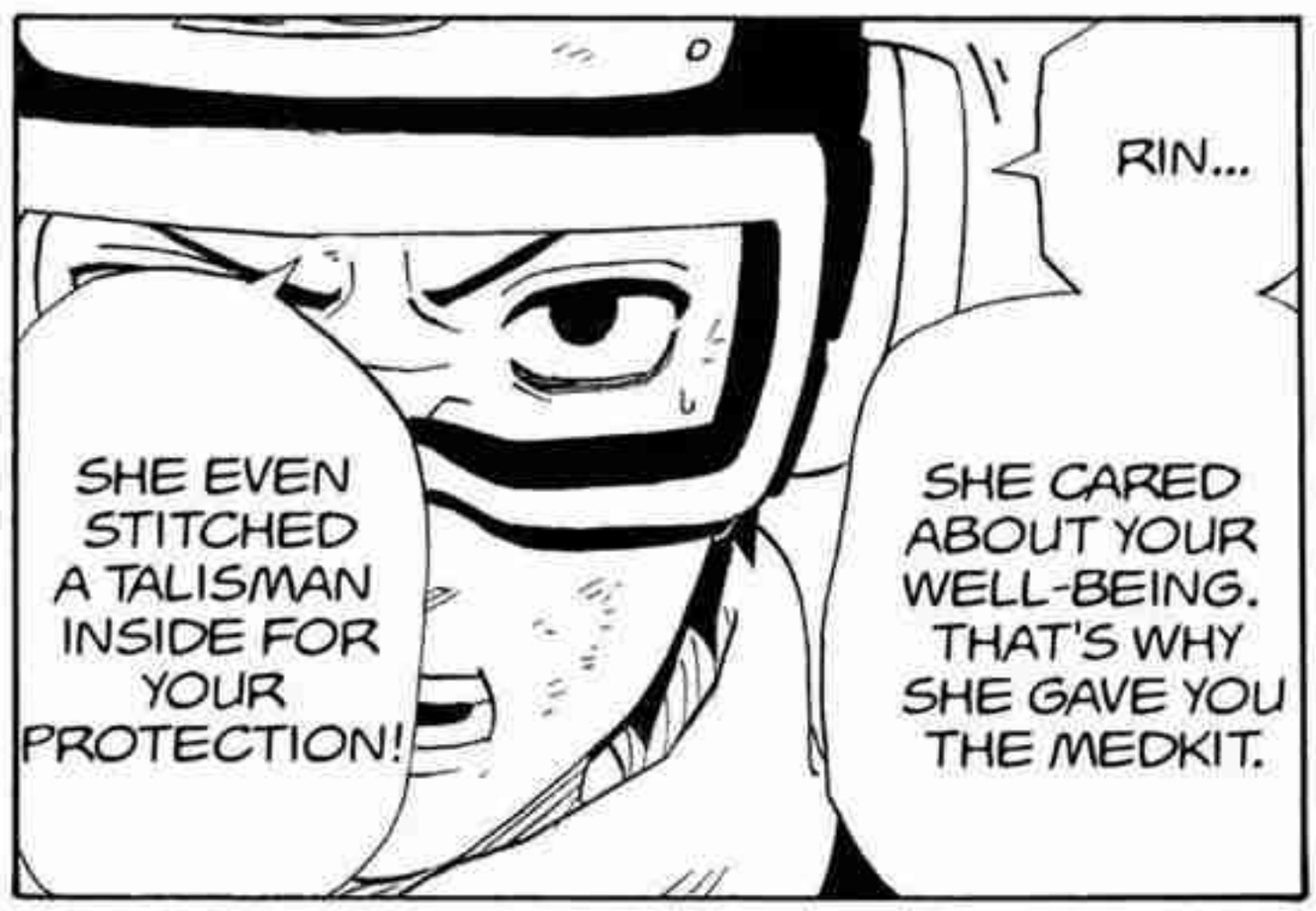
THOMP

IF YOU HAVE THE POWER TO RESCUE HER, WHY DON'T YOU?!
THEN LEAD! RIN NEEDS OUR HELP!!
CHUFF


CELL MEMBERS MUST FOLLOW THE COMMAND OF THEIR LEADER. RULES ARE THERE FOR A REASON.
WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ONE PERSON ALONE MAKES THE DECISIONS AND PULLS THE TEAM TOGETHER.
THAT'S WHY I AM THE LEADER OF THIS CELL.
OBITO, YOU HAVE NO POWER.

THAT'S WHY SHINOBI HAVE SET RULES ABOUT SUPPRESSING OUR FEELINGS.
YOU MUST KNOW THAT AS WELL.
IF YOU GIVE IN TO YOUR FLEETING EMOTIONS, AND FAIL AN IMPORTANT MISSION...
YOU'LL REGRET IT LATER.


RIN...
SHE EVEN STITCHED A TALISMAN INSIDE FOR YOUR PROTECTION!
SHE CARED ABOUT YOUR WELL-BEING. THAT'S WHY SHE GAVE YOU THE MEDKIT.

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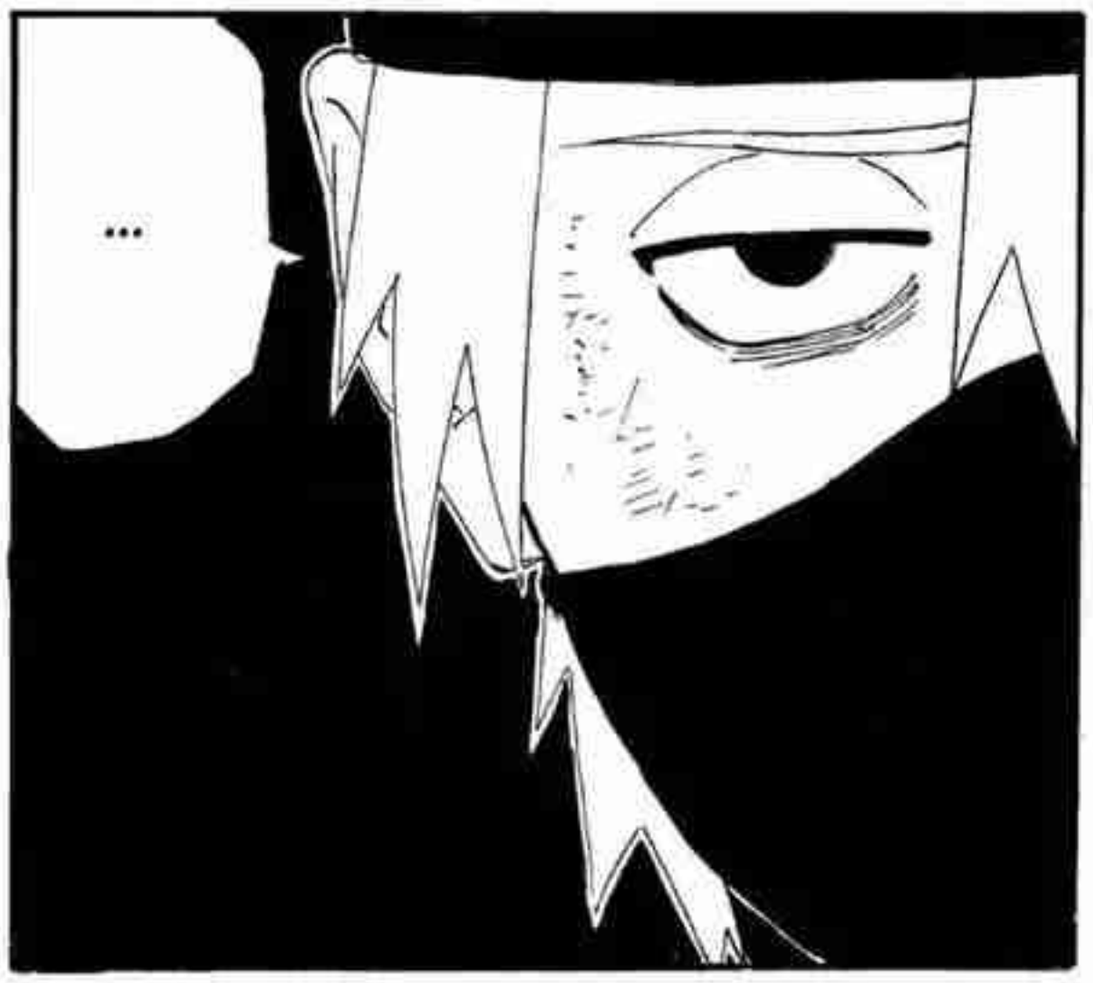
BUT LIKE I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY...
BETTER NOTHING, THAN A USELESS BURDEN.

KONOHAGAKURE DEVISED IT TO UP THE MISSION SUCCESS RATE.
MEDKITS AND MEDICAL NINJUTSU... IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM.

EMOTION IS JUST A USELESS BURDEN.

A SHINOBI NEEDS TOOLS SUITABLE TO THE MISSION AT HAND.



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YES...
I DO.

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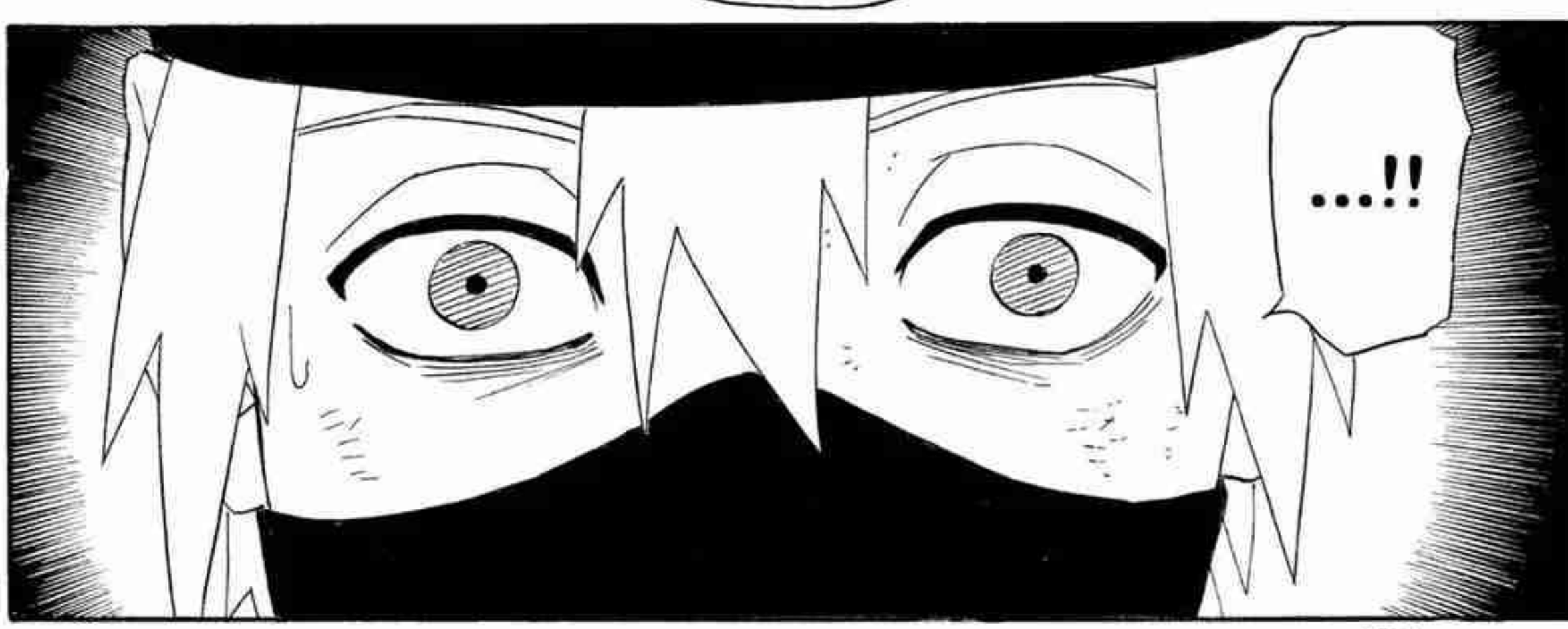
SLAPP
WST

I'M GOING TO SAVE RIN.
FINE. YOU AND I WON'T EVER AGREE ANYWAY.

I DO. AND THAT'S WHY THE WHITE FANG WAS A TRUE HERO.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHO BREAK THE RULES?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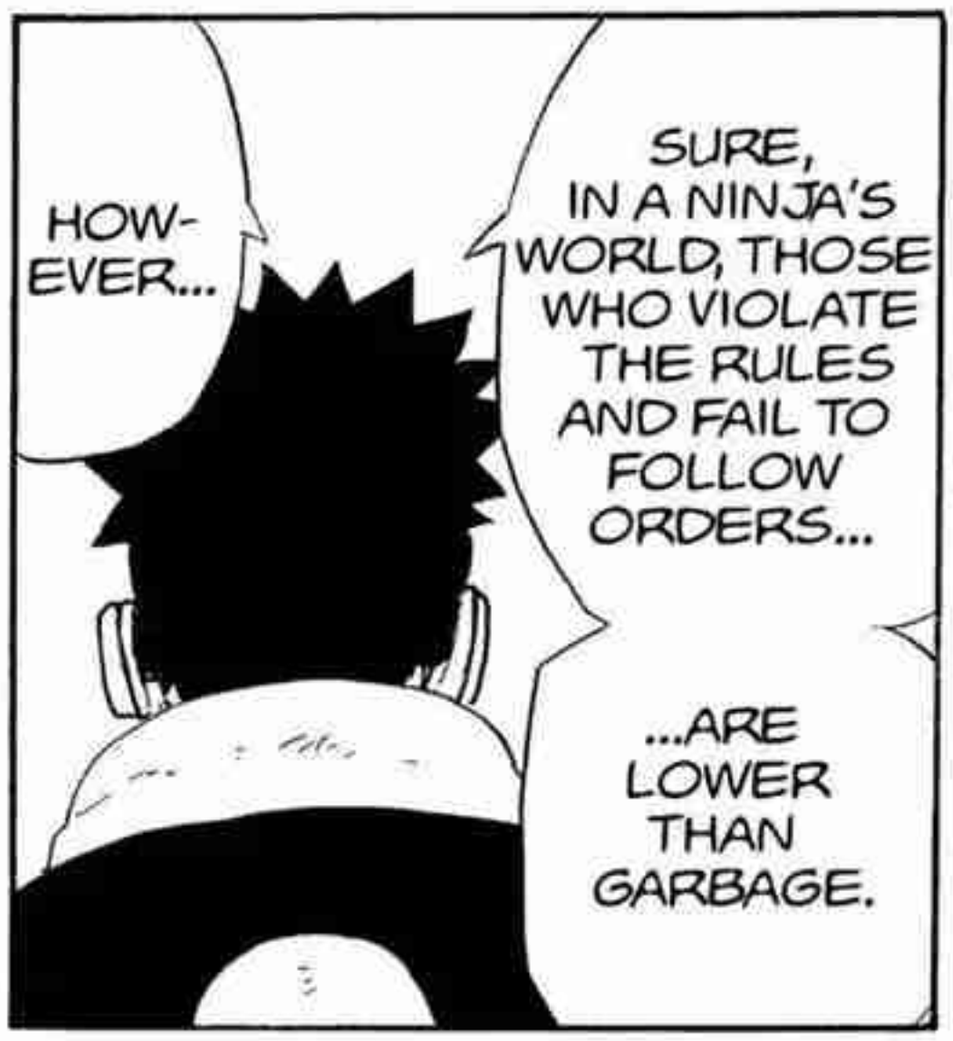
HOW-EVER...
SURE, IN A NINJA'S WORLD, THOSE WHO VIOLATE THE RULES AND FAIL TO FOLLOW ORDERS...
...ARE LOWER THAN GARBAGE.

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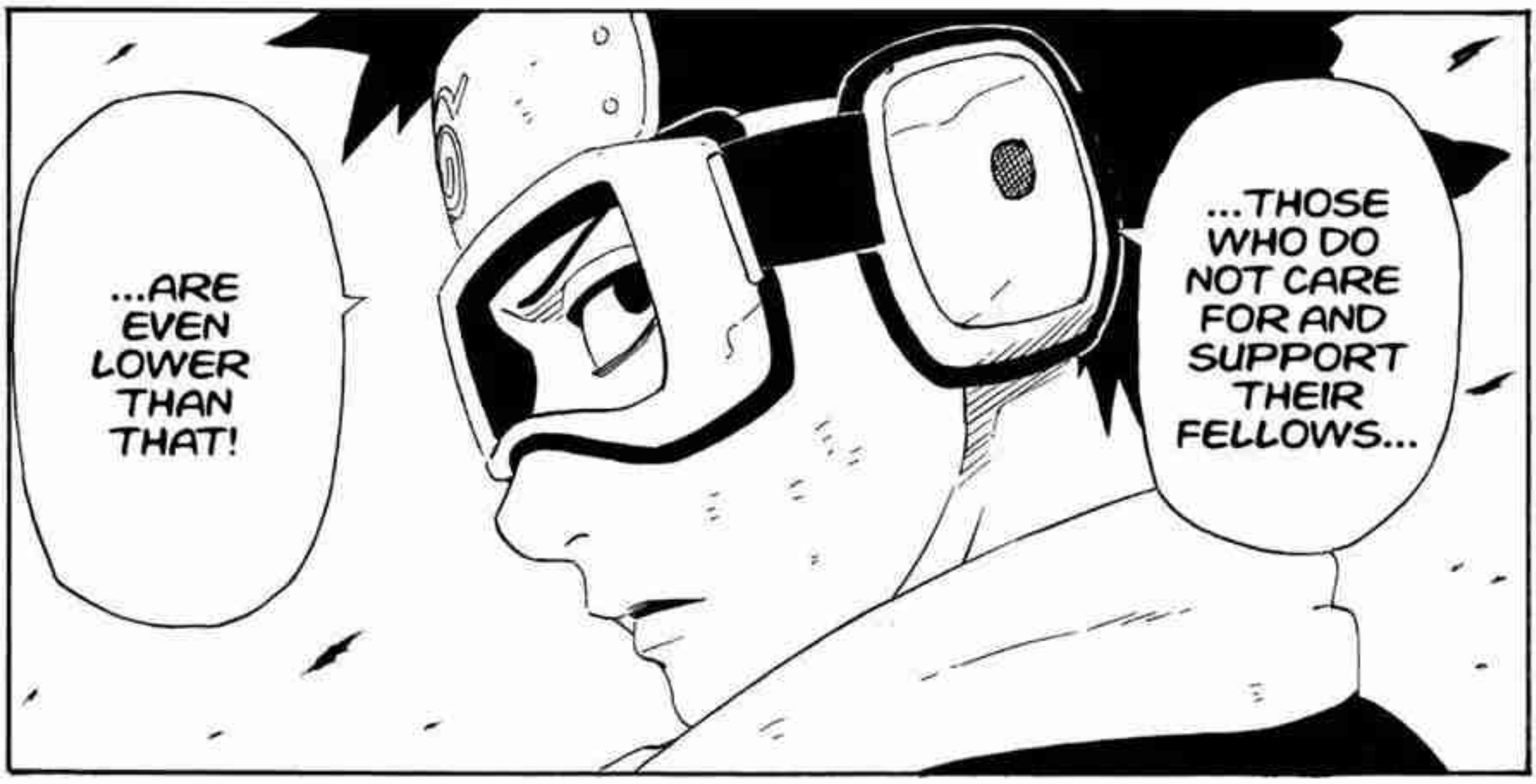
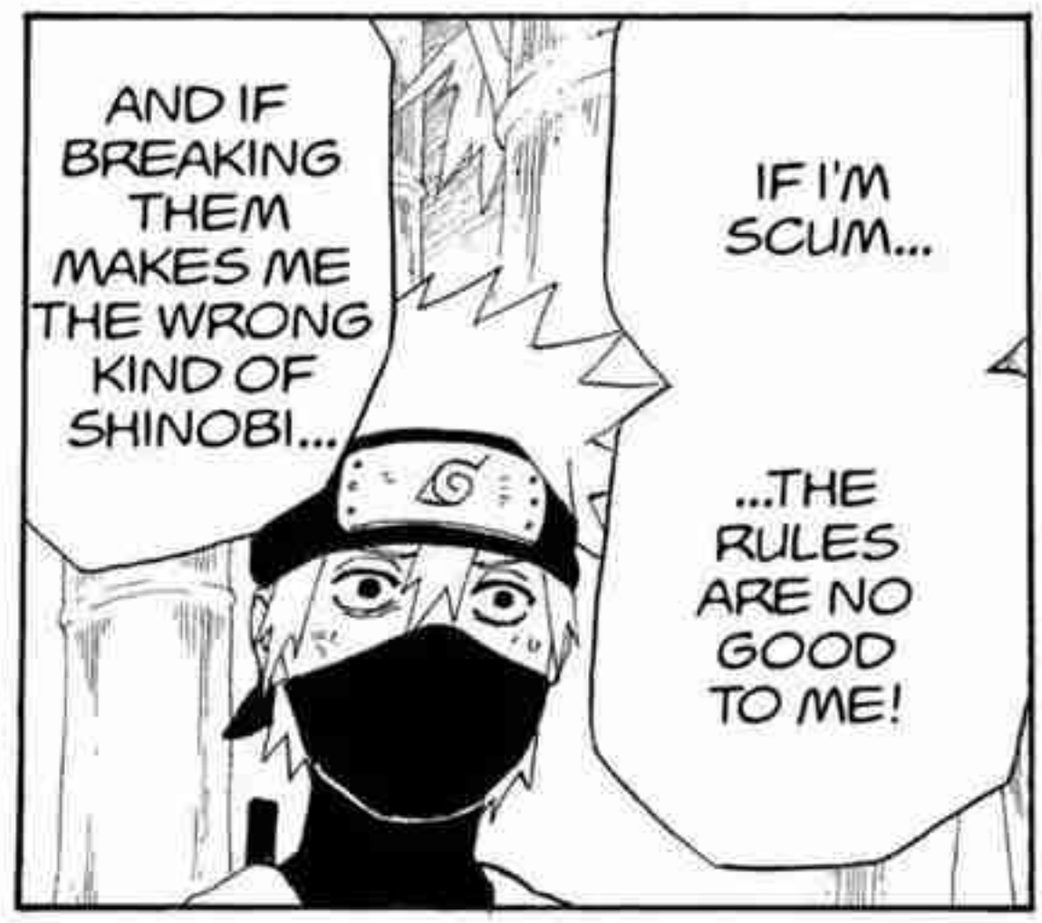

...ARE EVEN LOWER THAN THAT!
...THOSE WHO DO NOT CARE FOR AND SUPPORT THEIR FELLOWS...

I'LL CRUSH ALL THE SO-CALLED SHINOBI!!
TEP
TEP


AND IF BREAKING THEM MAKES ME THE WRONG KIND OF SHINOBI...
IF I'M SCUM...
...THE RULES ARE NO GOOD TO ME!

NARUTO
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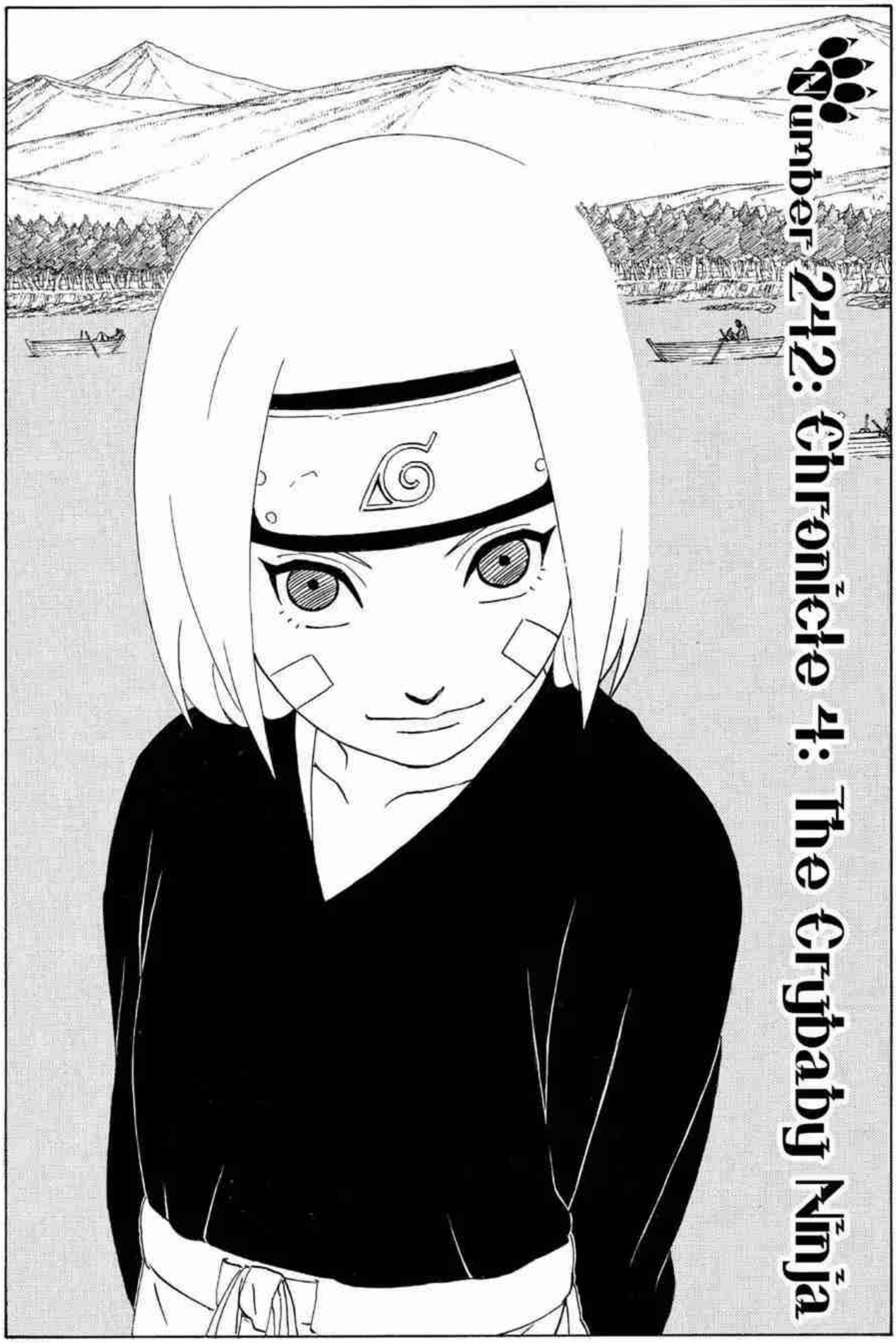

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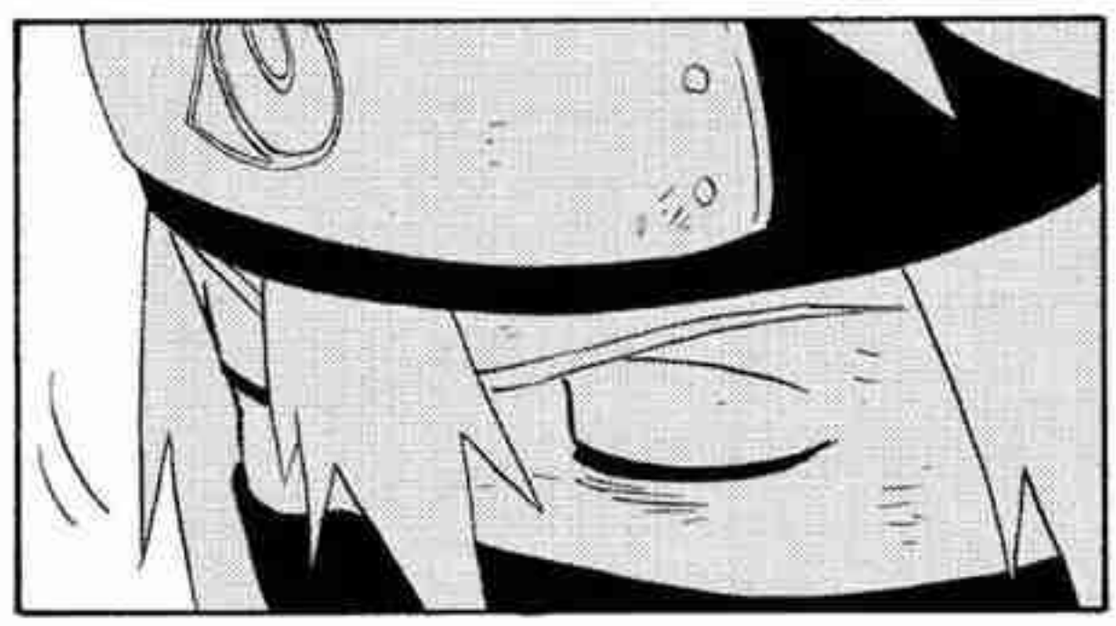

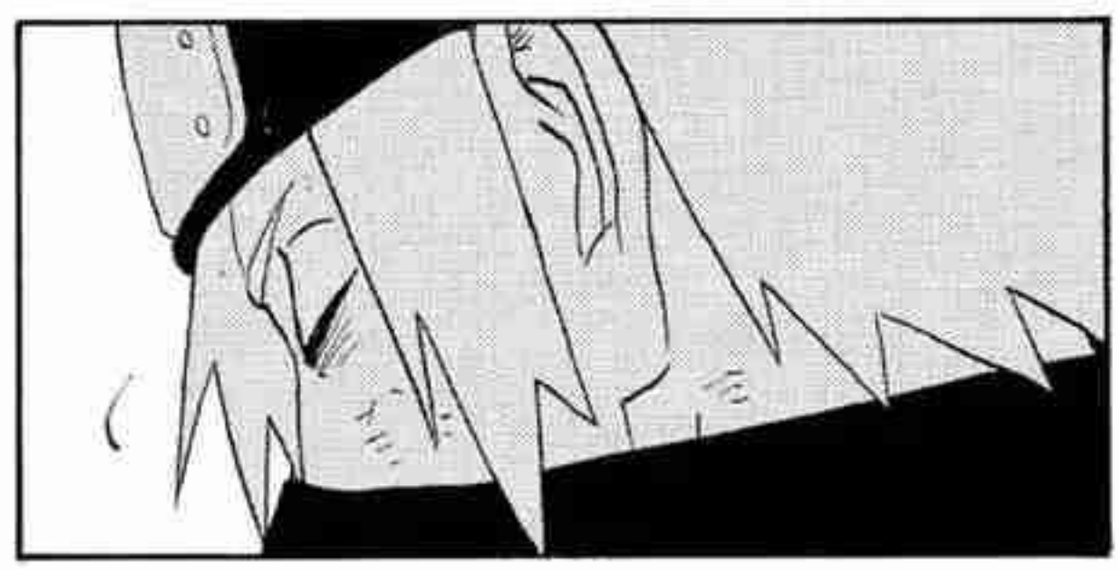

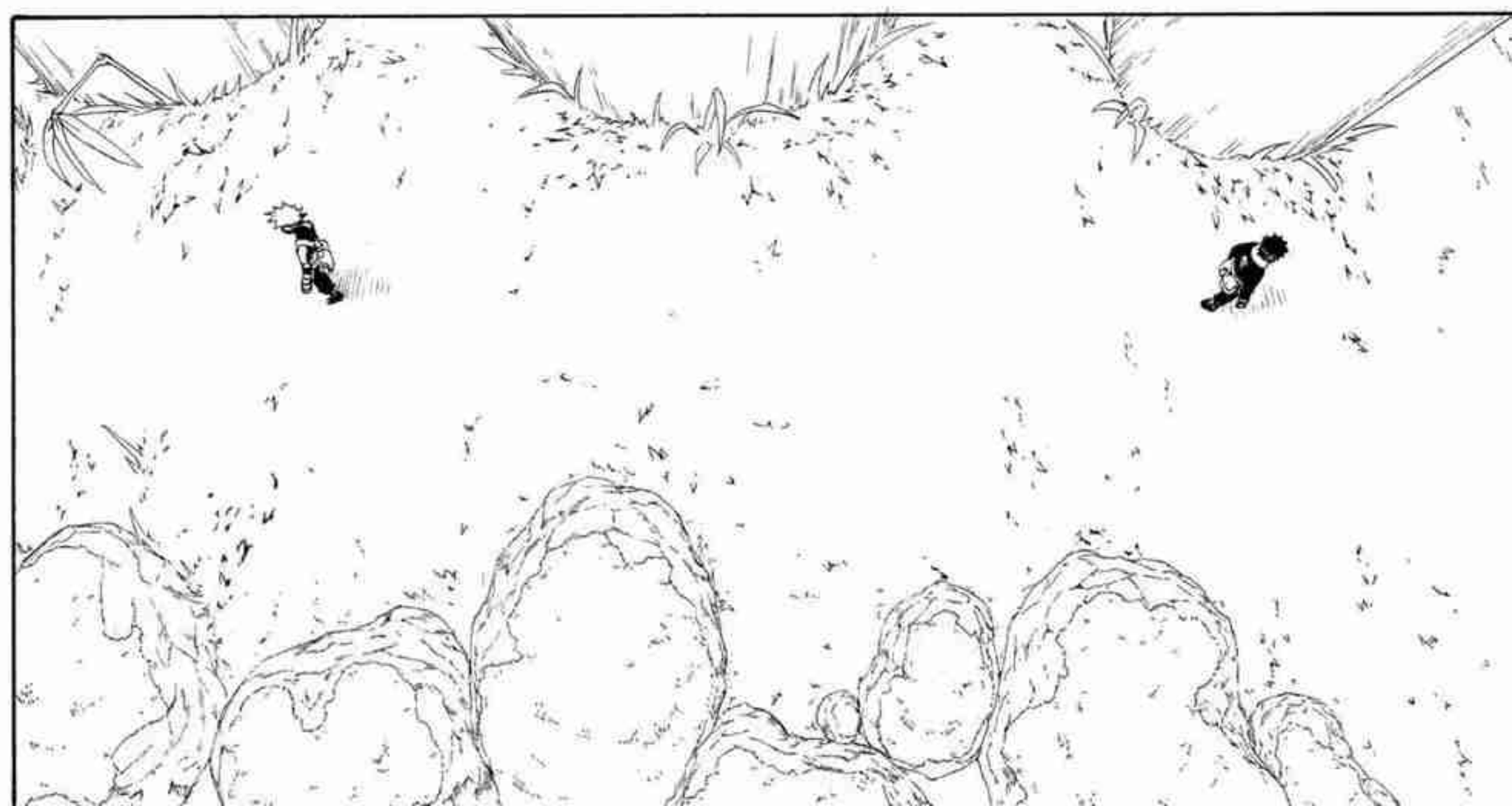

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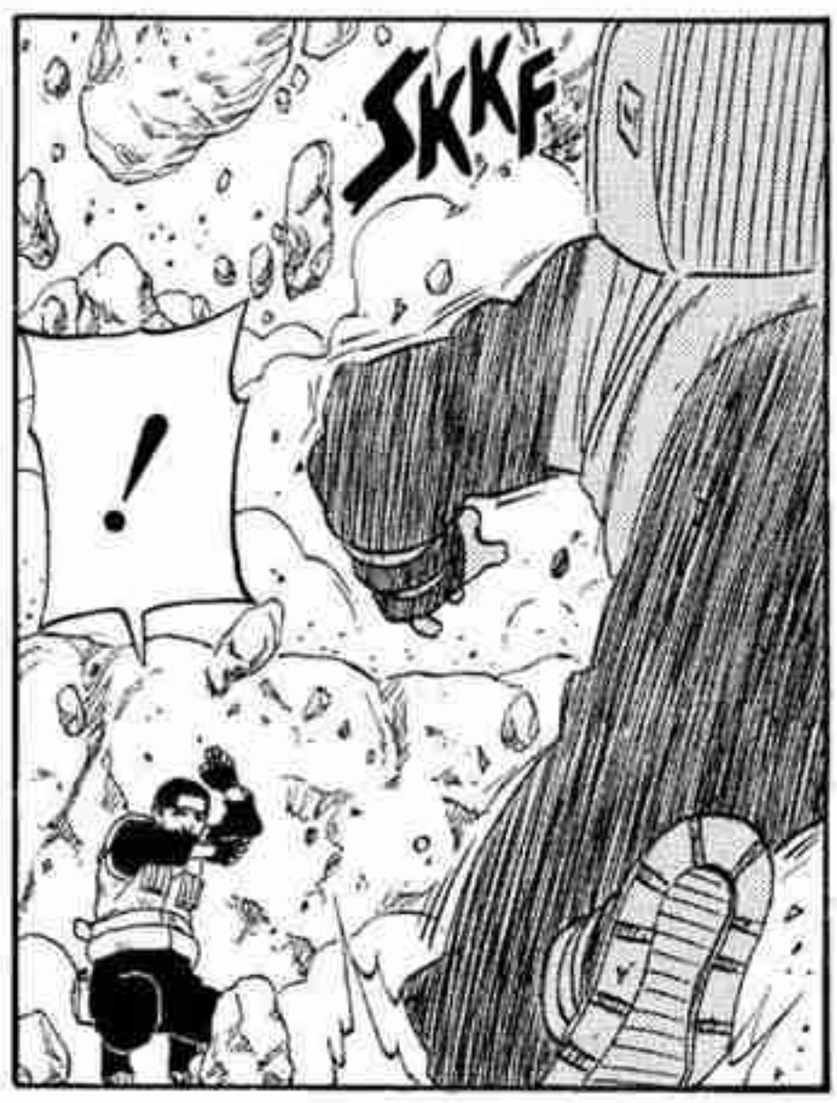
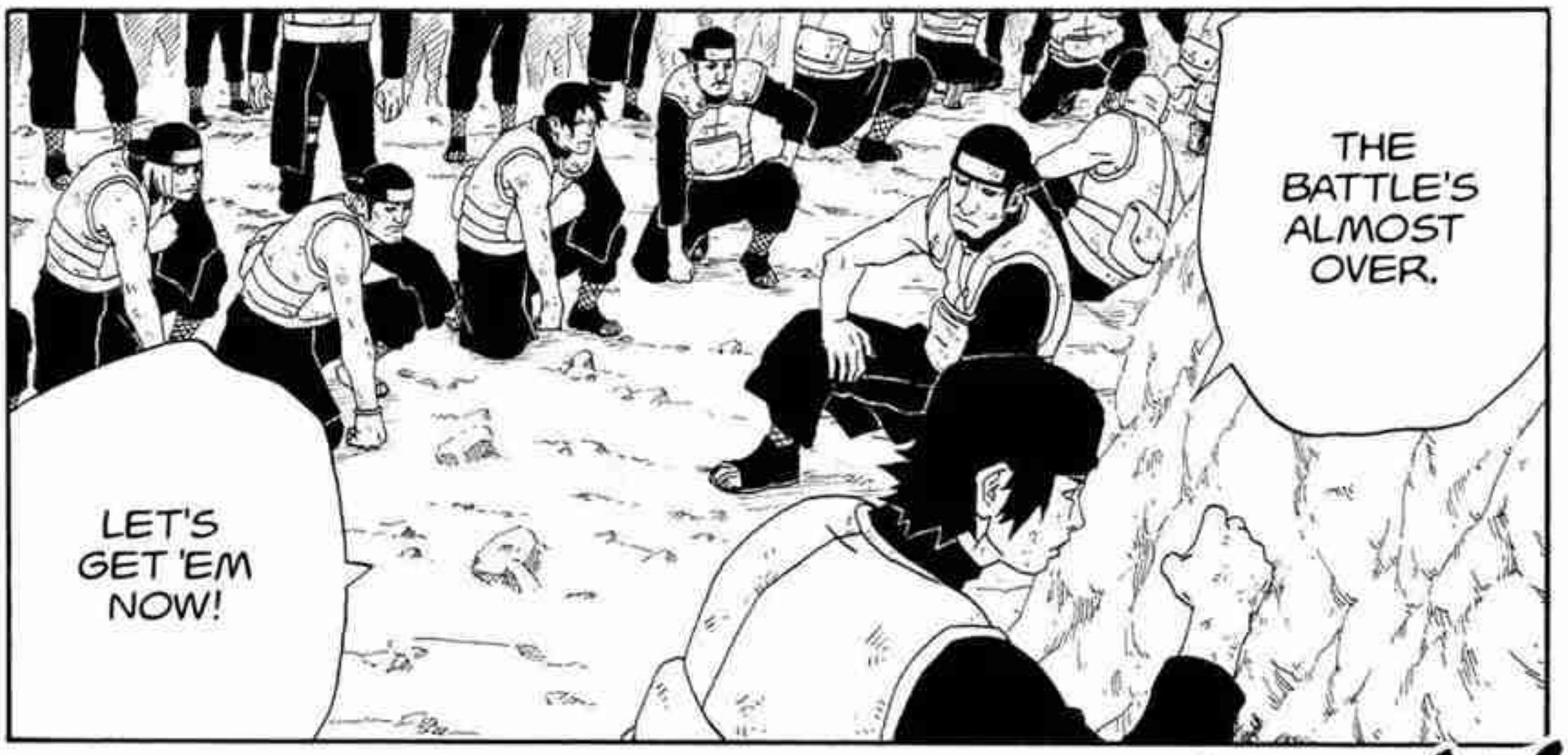


THERE ARE PROBABLY AT LEAST FIFTY ON THE ENEMY SIDE.



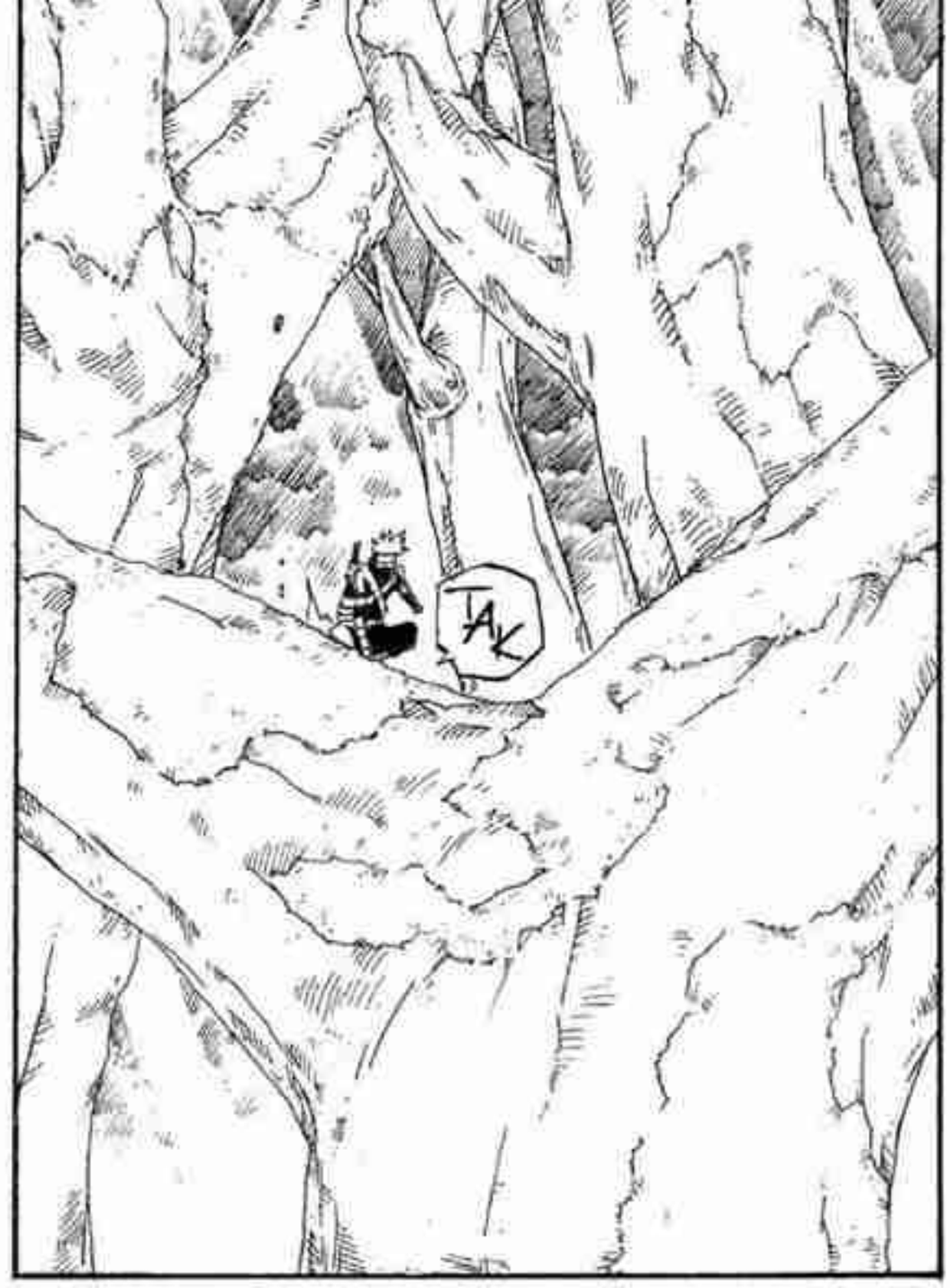
BY COMPARISON, THE FOUR OF US ARE ALL THAT'S LEFT ON OUR END.

JUST DON'T BLINK OR YOU'LL MISS IT.

WE'LL GET TO SEE HOW THE YELLOW FLASH OF KONOHA FARES IN BATTLE!

THAT'S CRAZY! NOT EVEN YOU COULD POSSIBLY...

SHUT UP AND DO AS HE SAYS!


TAK

...

URG ...
SPAP

...!
THROB

...

BUT IF YOU AREN'T CAREFUL, THE WOUND WILL OPEN!
IT'S HEALING.

RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE CERTAINLY IMPORTANT. BUT THEY'RE NOT EVERYTHING.
REMEMBER HOW I TOLD YOU... AT TIMES YOU MUST ADAPT, AND TAKE STEPS APPROPRIATE TO THE SITUATION AT HAND.

...RESCUING RIN. NOT OUR MISSION!!
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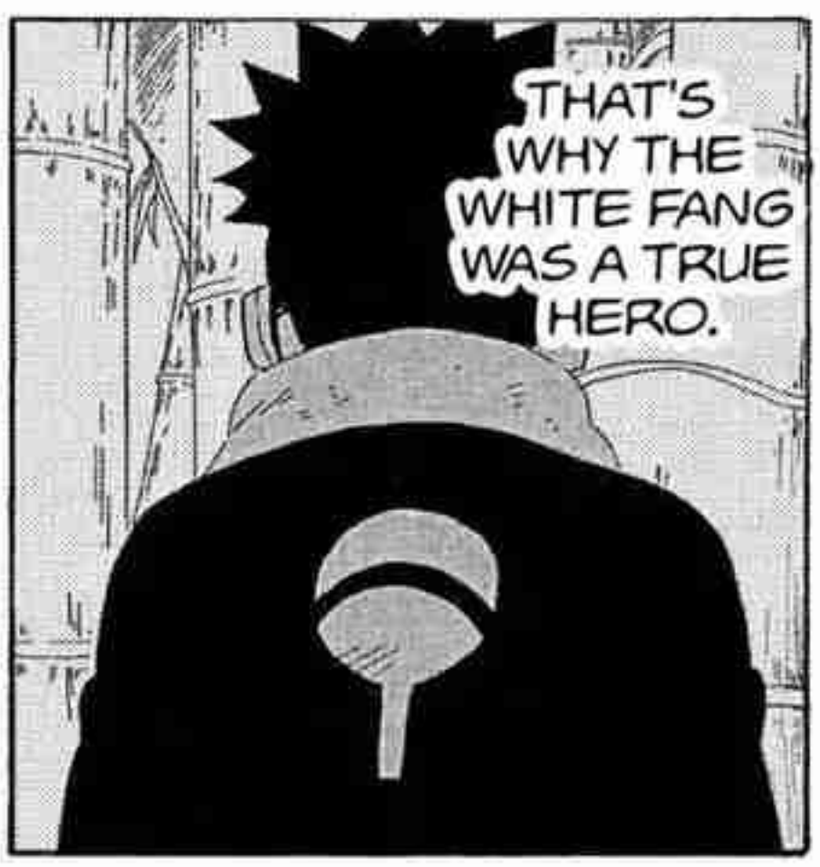
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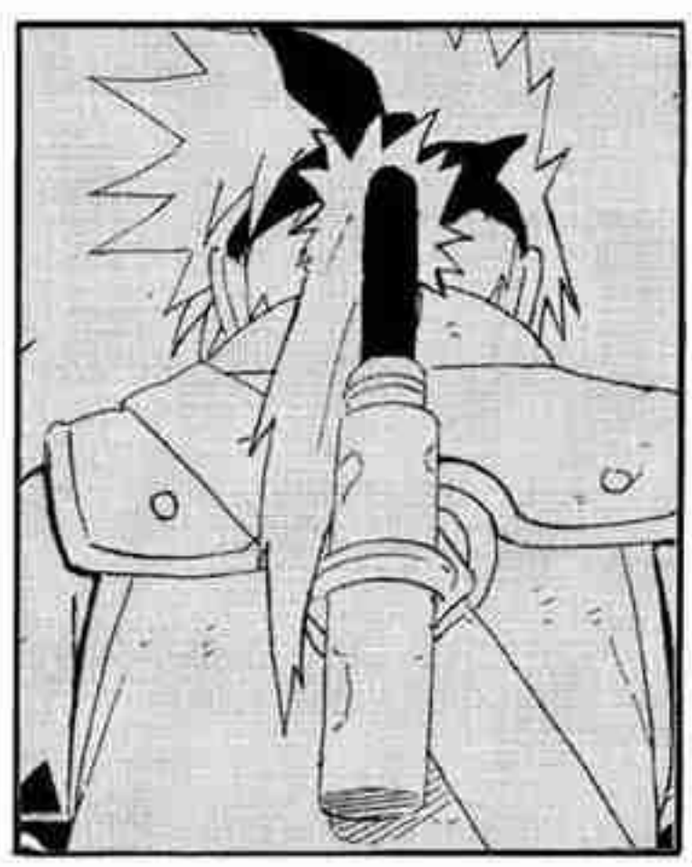

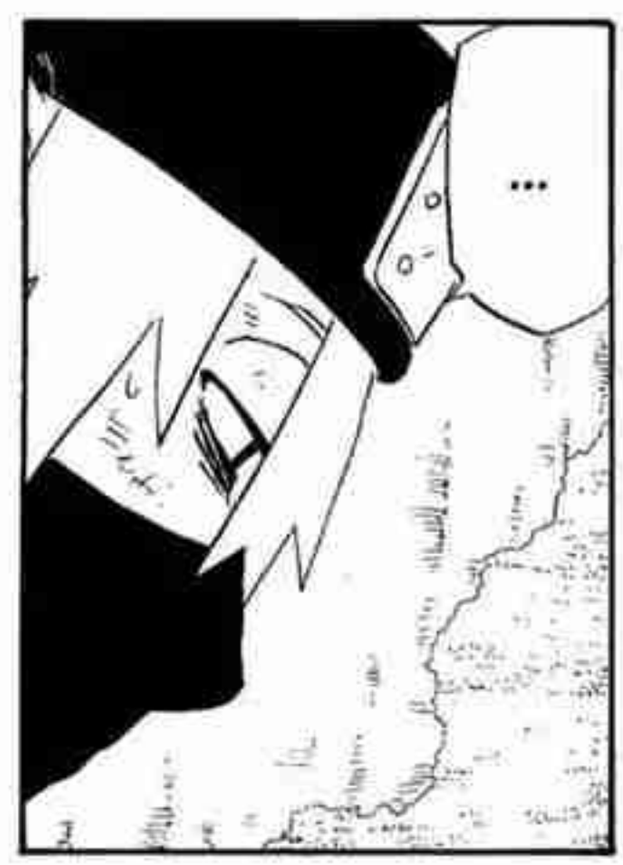
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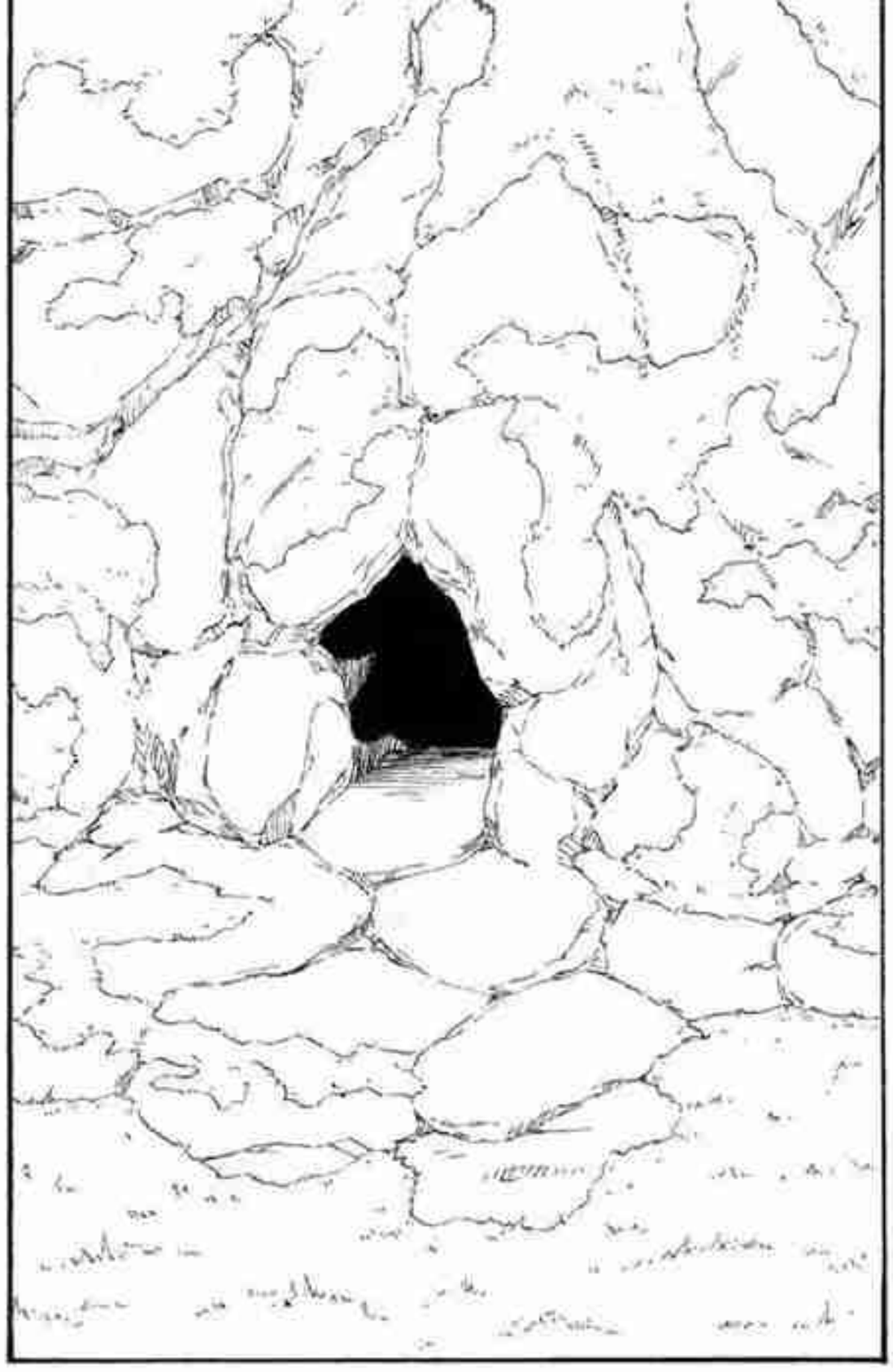
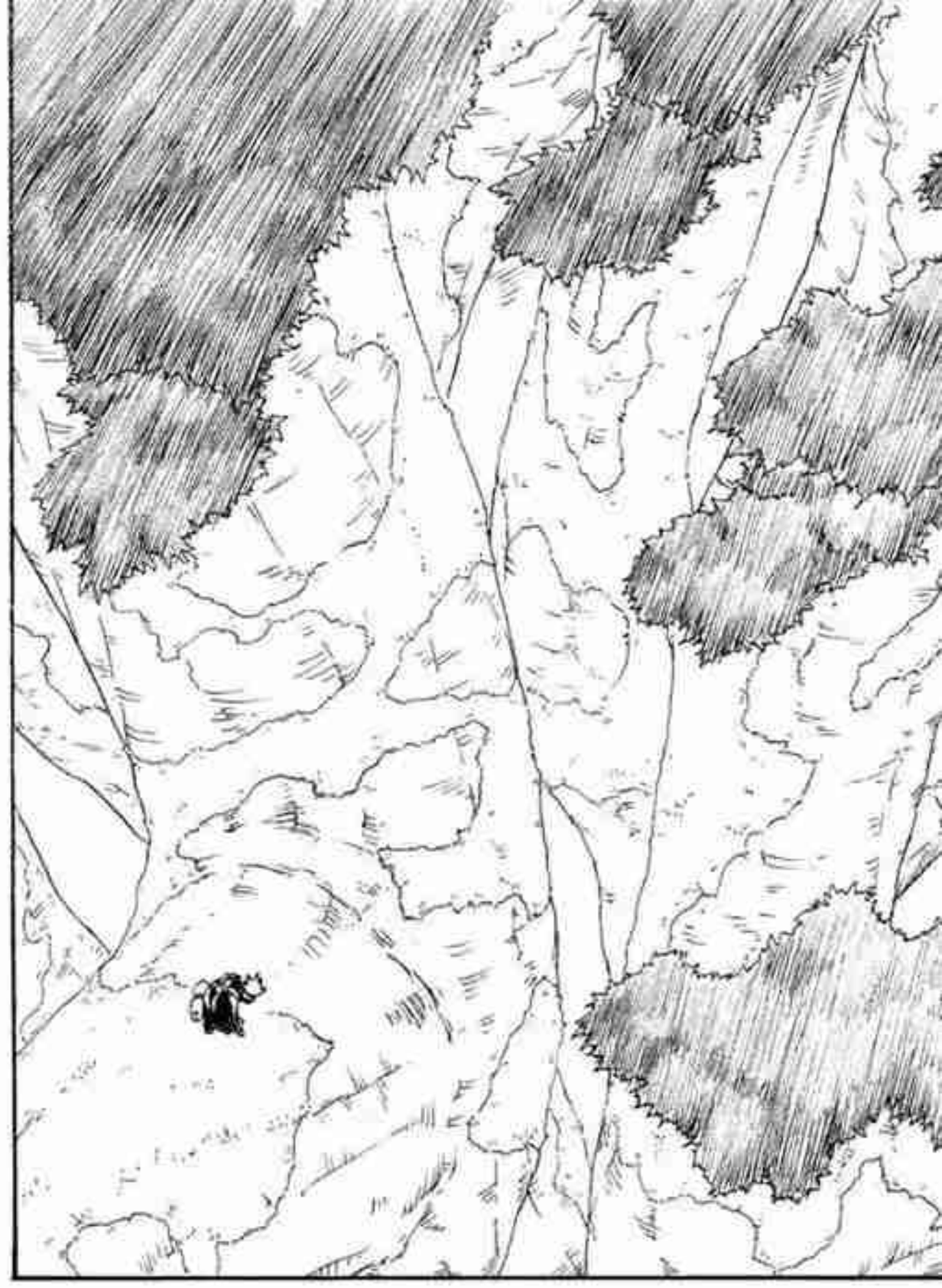
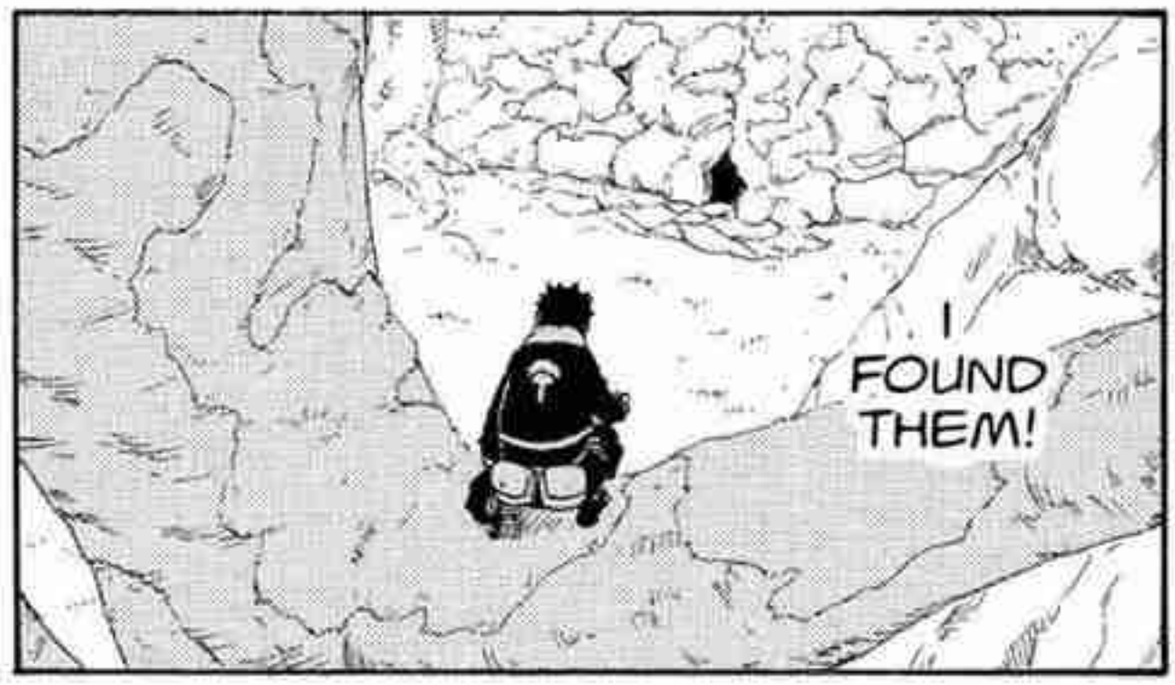
THOSE WHO DO NOT CARE FOR AND SUPPORT THEIR FELLOWS ARE EVEN LOWER THAN THAT!
IN A NINJA'S WORLD, THOSE WHO VIOLATE THE RULES AND FAIL TO FOLLOW ORDERS ARE LOWER THAN GARBAGE. HOWEVER...





I CAN DO THIS...
GOTTA CALM DOWN ...
SLAPP
SLAPP


I FOUND THEM!

JUST CONTINUE YOUR GENJUTSU...
AND GET HER TALKING.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM...

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TWIK

READ THIS WAY
OKAY... LET'S GO!
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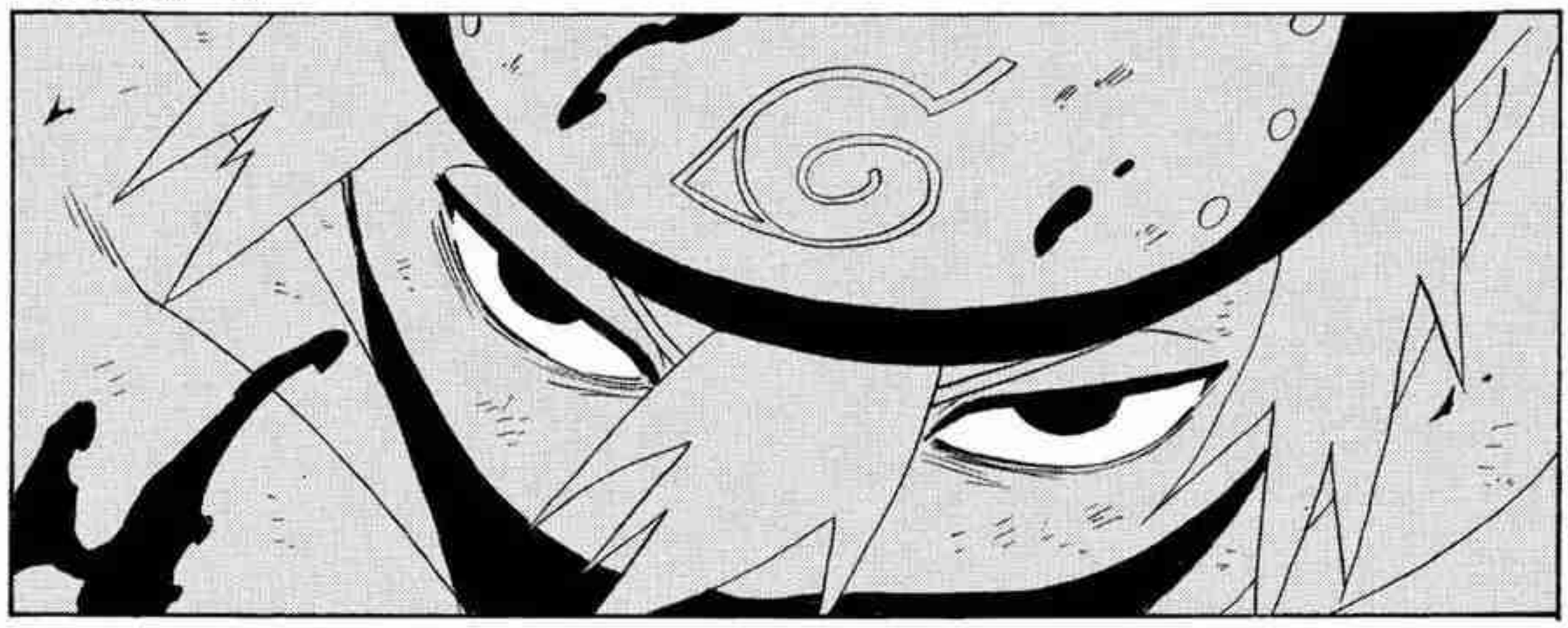
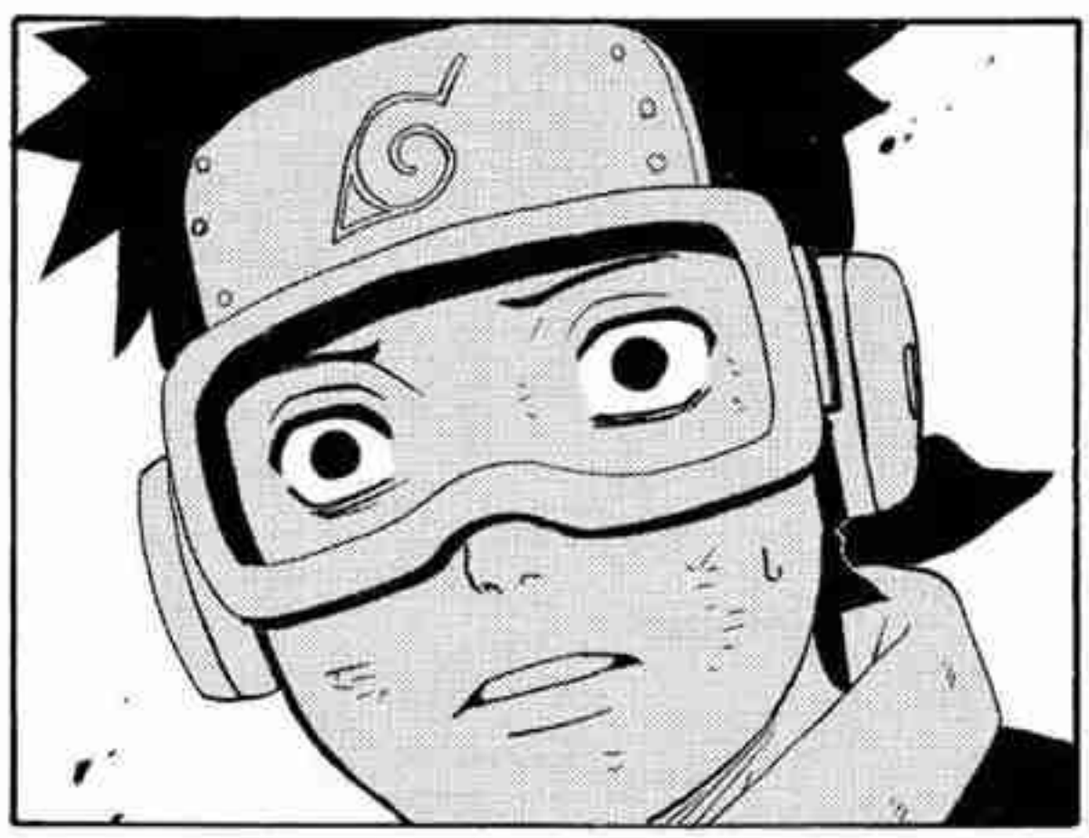
SWOOO
?!!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
SWOOO
SHLUKK





LOOK! I CAN'T LEAVE THIS UP TO A CRYBABY NINJA LIKE YOU, CAN I?

KA... KAKASHI ...
TUMP
WHY...?
SKRRK

KAKASHI...

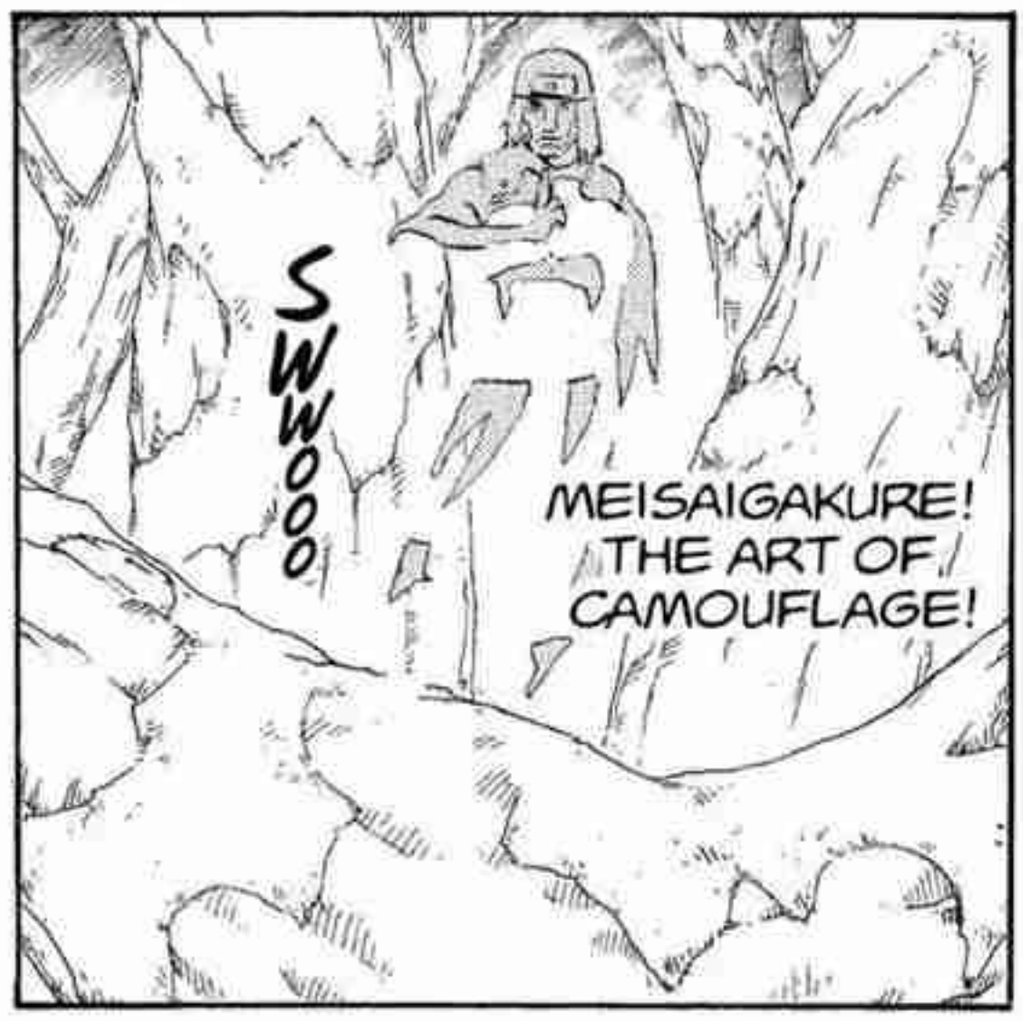
THE SILVER HAIR... THE WHITE LIGHT BLADE... COULD IT BE...
SSY

...THE WHITE FANG OF KONOHA?!

THIS IS A MEMENTO FROM MY FATHER.
...!

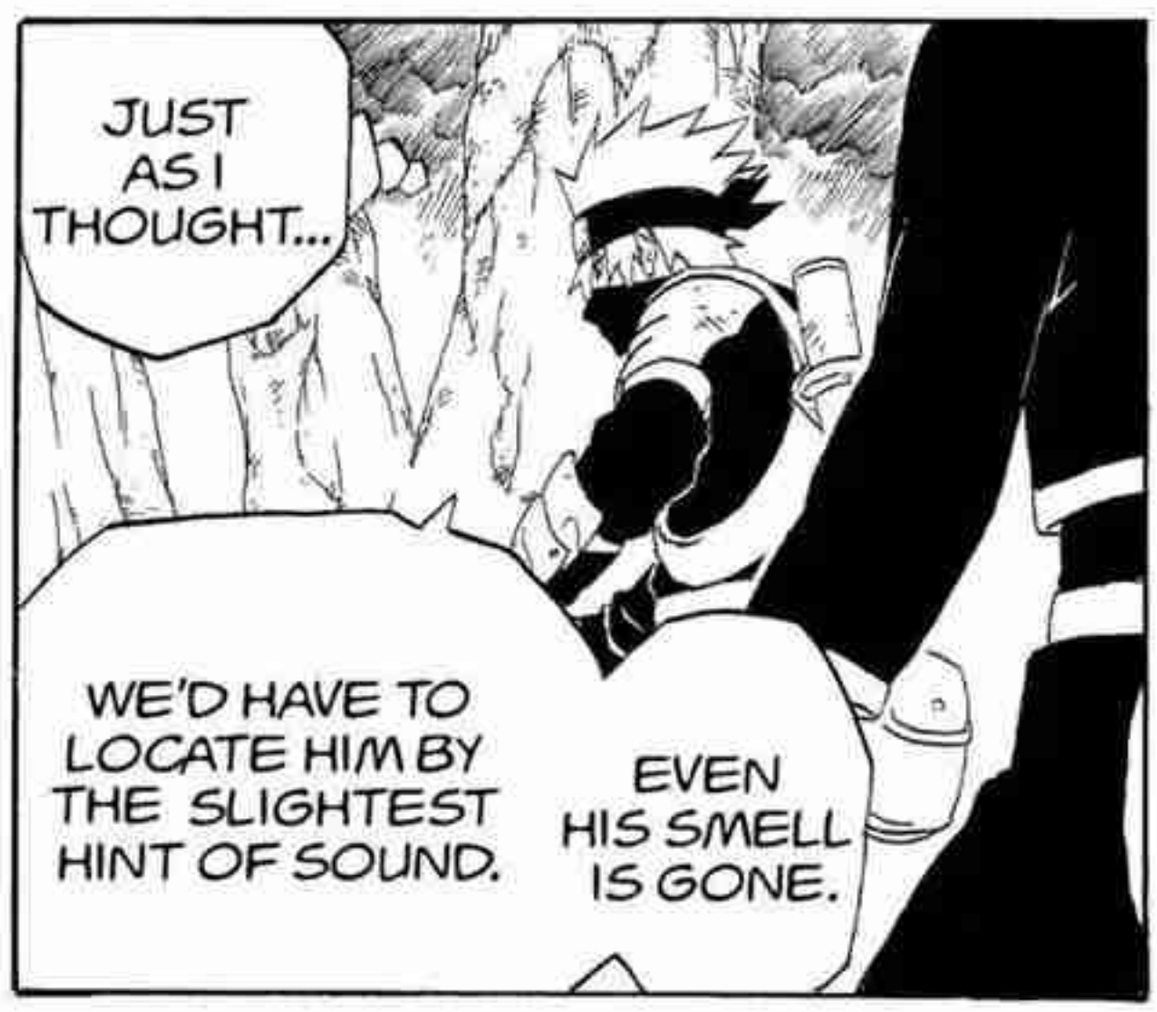
KAKASHI... YOU...

EMOTION IS JUST A USELESS BURDEN.
A SHINOBI NEEDS TOOLS SUITABLE TO THE MISSION AT HAND.


SWWOOO
MEISAIGAKURE! THE ART OF CAMOUFLAGE!

AH, I SEE...
THEN THERE'S NOTHING TO BE NERVOUS ABOUT...
JUST THE WHITE FANG'S BRAT, EH?

WHERE...?


JUST AS I THOUGHT...
WE'D HAVE TO LOCATE HIM BY THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF SOUND.
EVEN HIS SMELL IS GONE.

SNFF SNFF

OBITO, BEHIND YOU!!

!
SYSSH

ISSIN

KAKASHI!!

MY EYE!!
UGAAH!!
FLOOMP

URG... YEAH...
KAKASHI! KAKASHI!
YOU OKAY?!

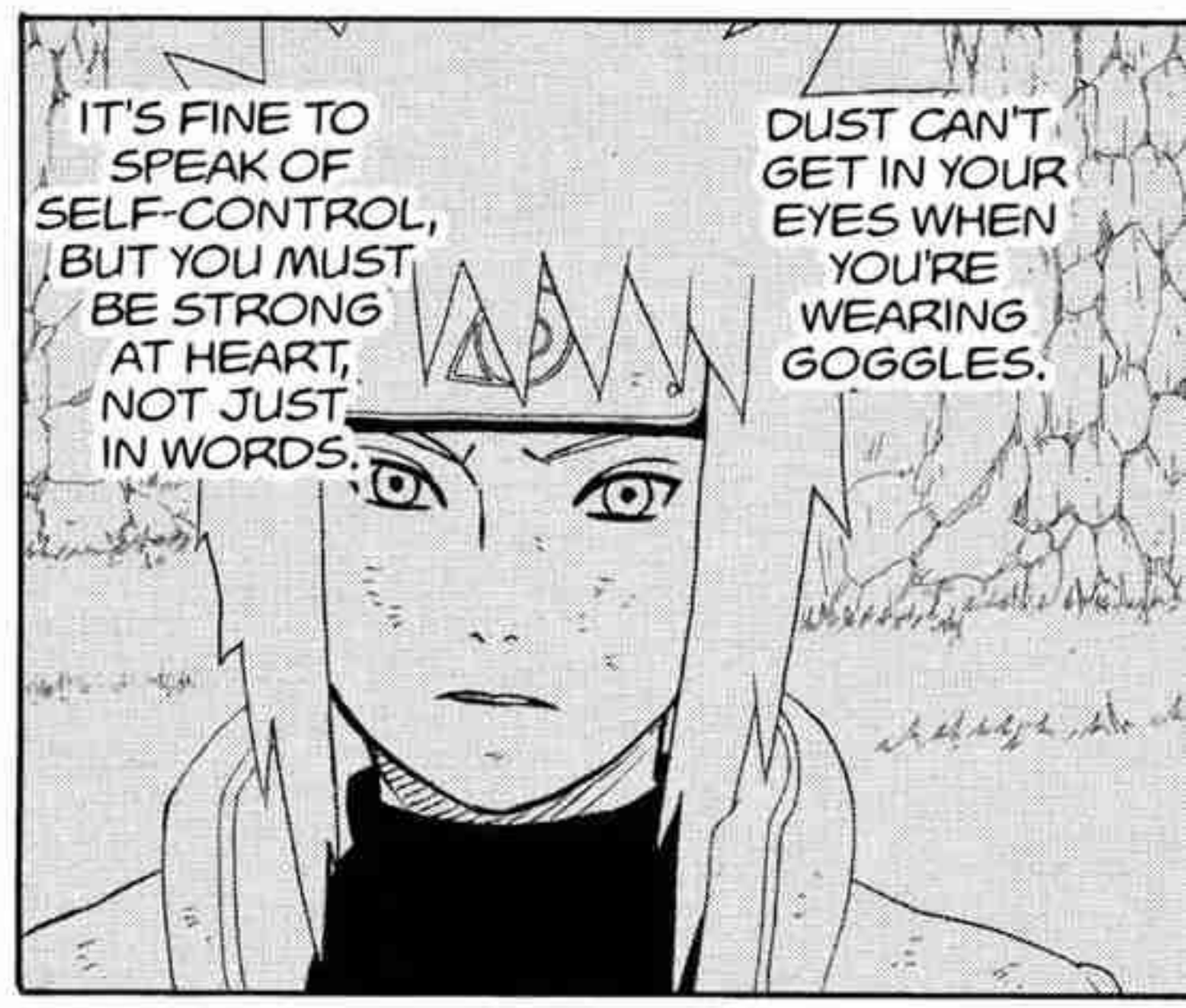
SHISS

HE MADE SURE TO THROW AWAY THE KUNAI KNIFE HE STAINED WITH MY BLOOD.
DRUP DRUP
HE... HE'S PRETTY GOOD...

RUB
RUB
...!

A SHINOBI SHOULDN'T CRY.
I'M NOT DEAD YET.
GOT SOME OF THAT DUST IN YOUR EYES AGAIN?

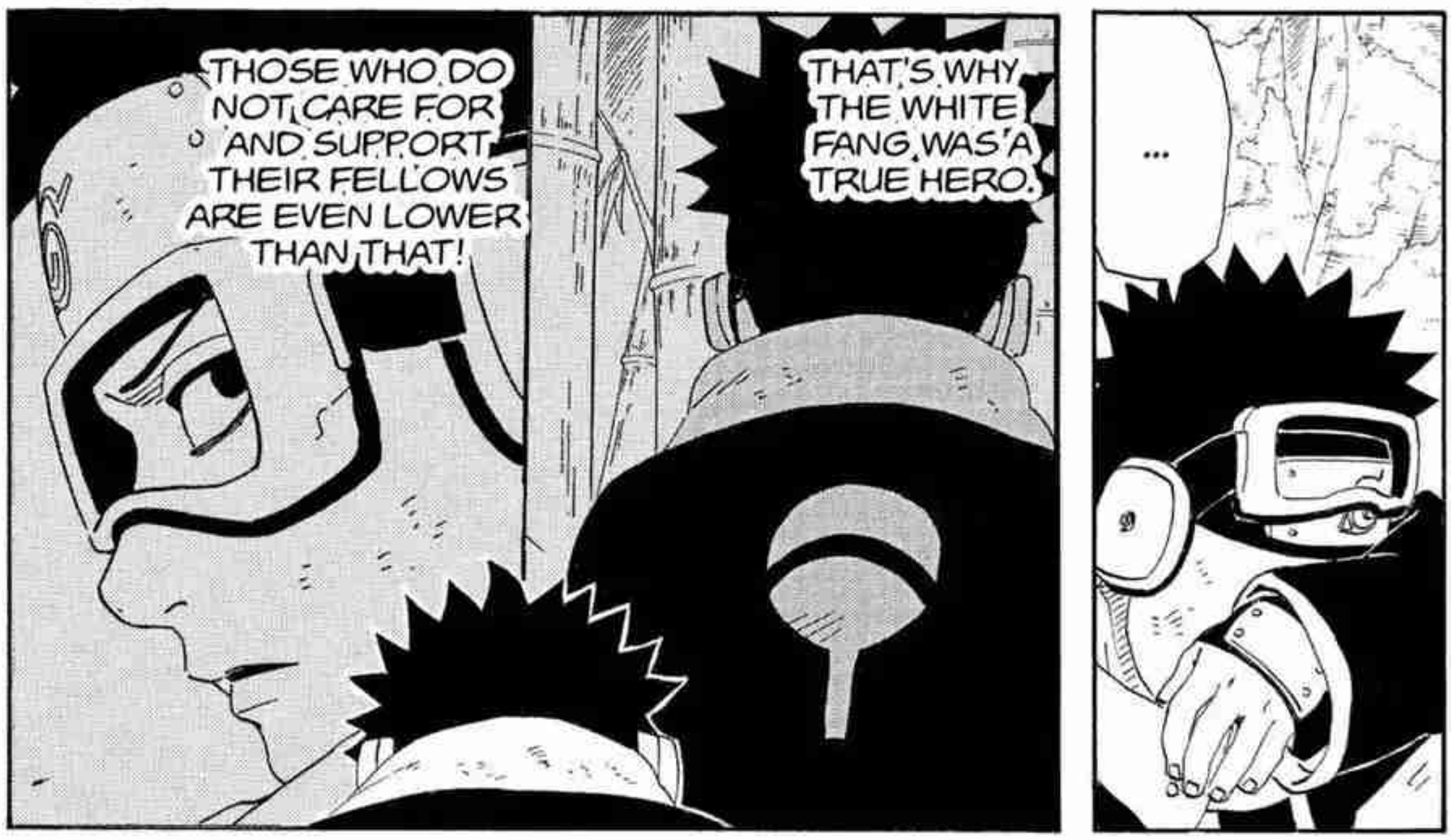
...ALWAYS A BURDEN...
I'M ALL TALK...


IT'S FINE TO SPEAK OF SELF-CONTROL, BUT YOU MUST BE STRONG AT HEART, NOT JUST IN WORDS.
DUST CAN'T GET IN YOUR EYES WHEN YOU'RE WEARING GOGGLES.

THEY'RE ONLY CHILDREN. I MUST PLAN CAREFULLY...

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP!

JUST A BIG-MOUTHED WASHOUT...
BUT STILL...


READ THIS WAY
THOSE WHO DO NOT CARE FOR AND SUPPORT THEIR FELLOWS ARE EVEN LOWER THAN THAT!
THAT'S WHY THE WHITE FANG WAS A TRUE HERO.
...

SHWWWOOOOOOOO
THOSE WORDS I SAID...
I'M NOT GOING TO LET THEM DOWN...

SHLUKK
DIE!!

SWOO
DRUP

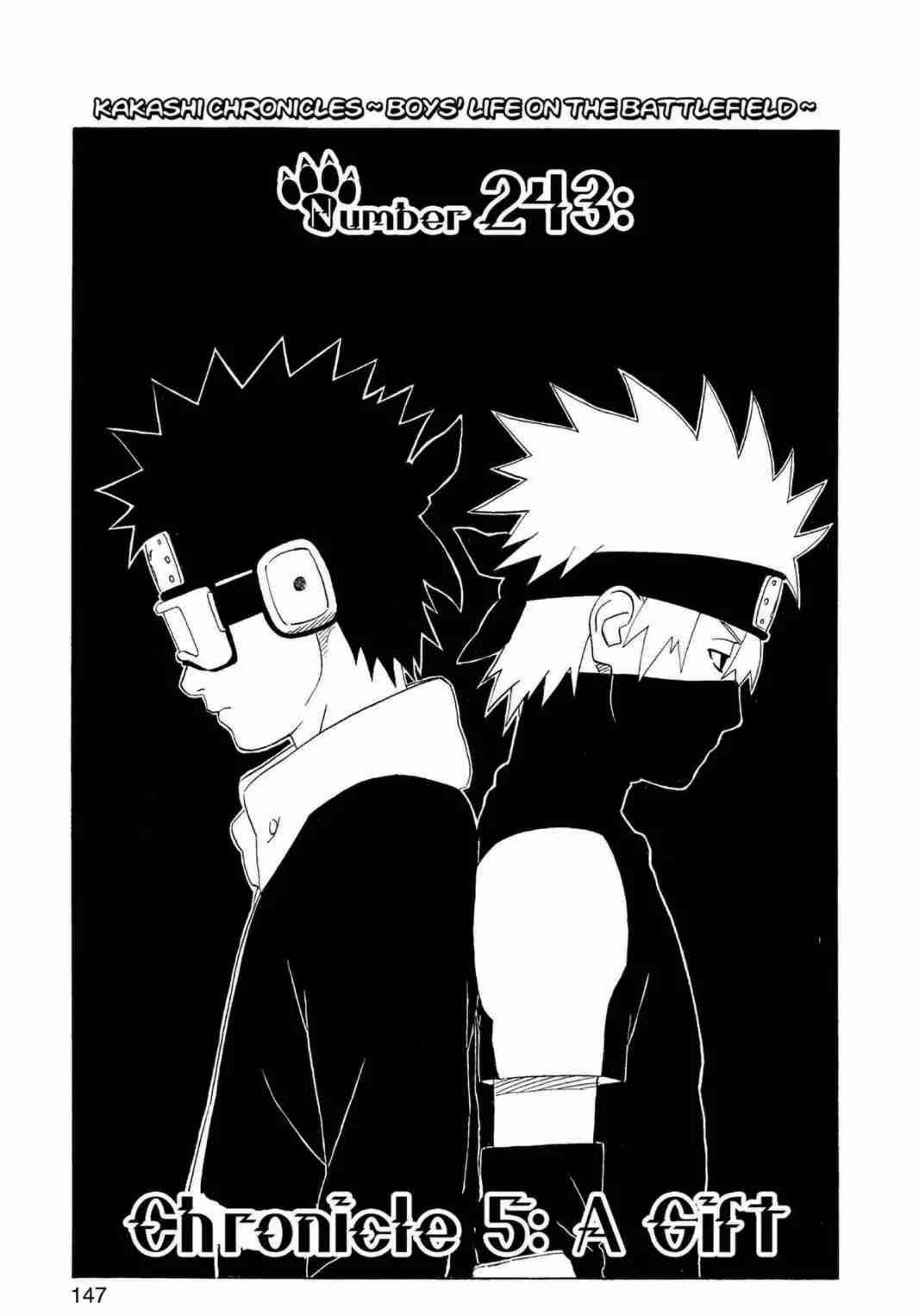
OBITO... YOU...
!

WHAT...? YOUR EYES...?!
URRR

H... HOW...? YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY SEE ME...
SWOO
DRIPP

THIS TIME...
THOPP
I'M PROTECTING MY COMRADE!!

NARUTO
TM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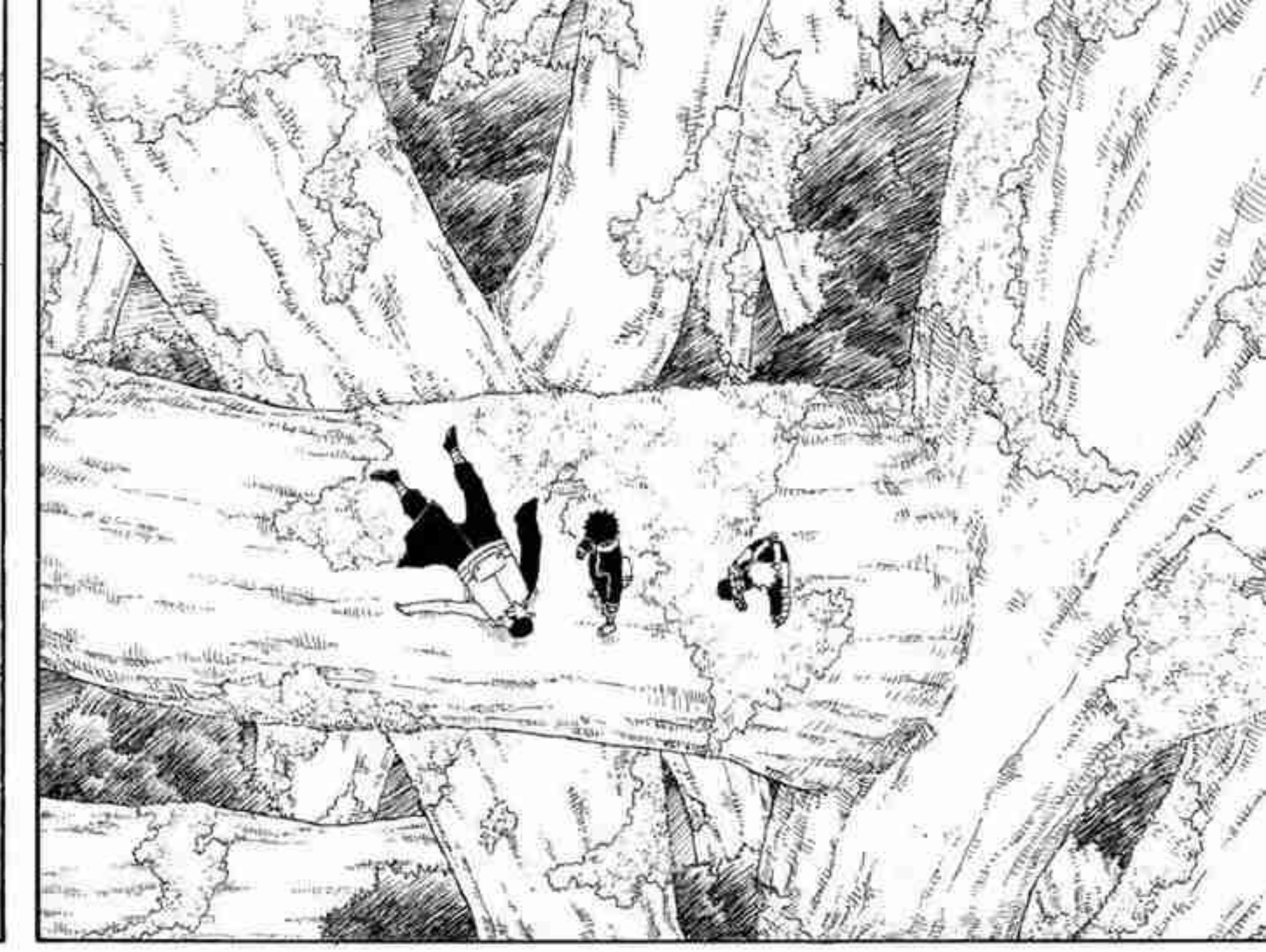
OBITO... YOUR EYES...



I CAN SEE CHAKRA!
YEAH... SHARINGAN...

YEAH...
MY EYE IS GONE, OBITO...
SHFF SHFF

KAKASHI?!!
...

UGH!
...!!
THROBB

OKAY!

...

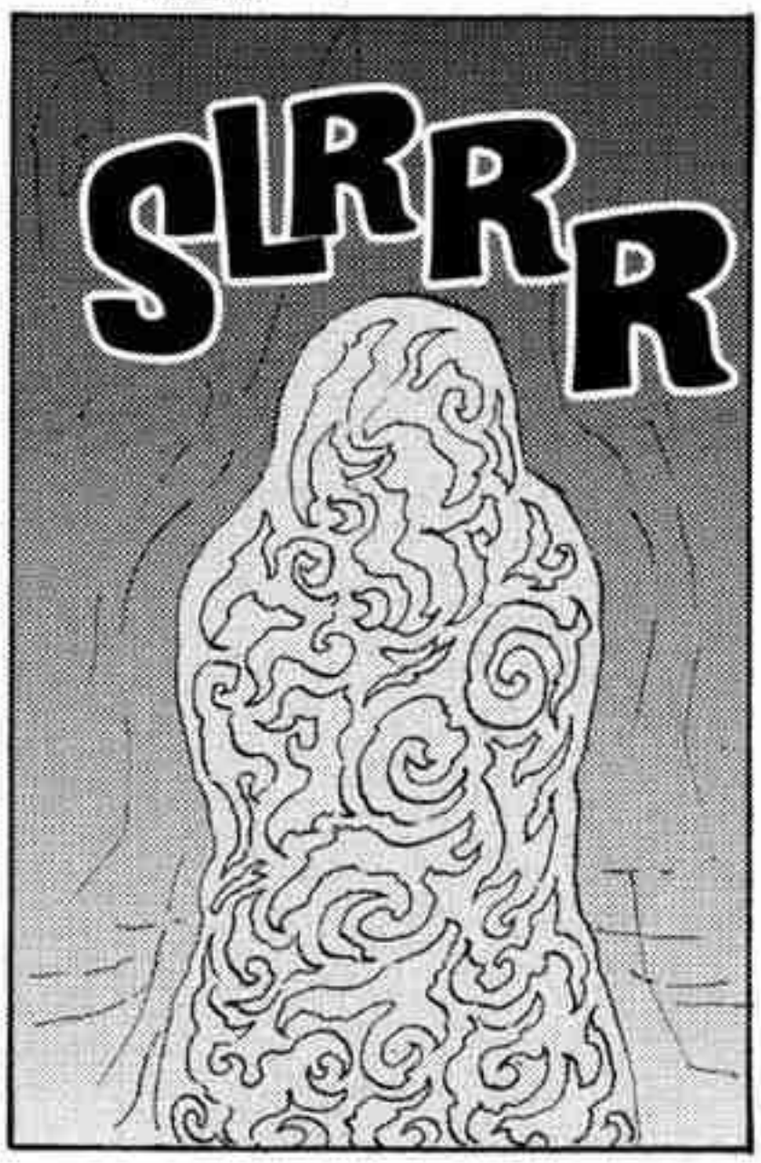
WE HAVE TO SAVE HER!
BUT NEVER MIND THAT, I CAN USE THIS KIT RIN GAVE ME TO FIX MYSELF UP.
SST

YANK
YOU'RE CERTAINLY STUBBORN, AREN'T YOU.

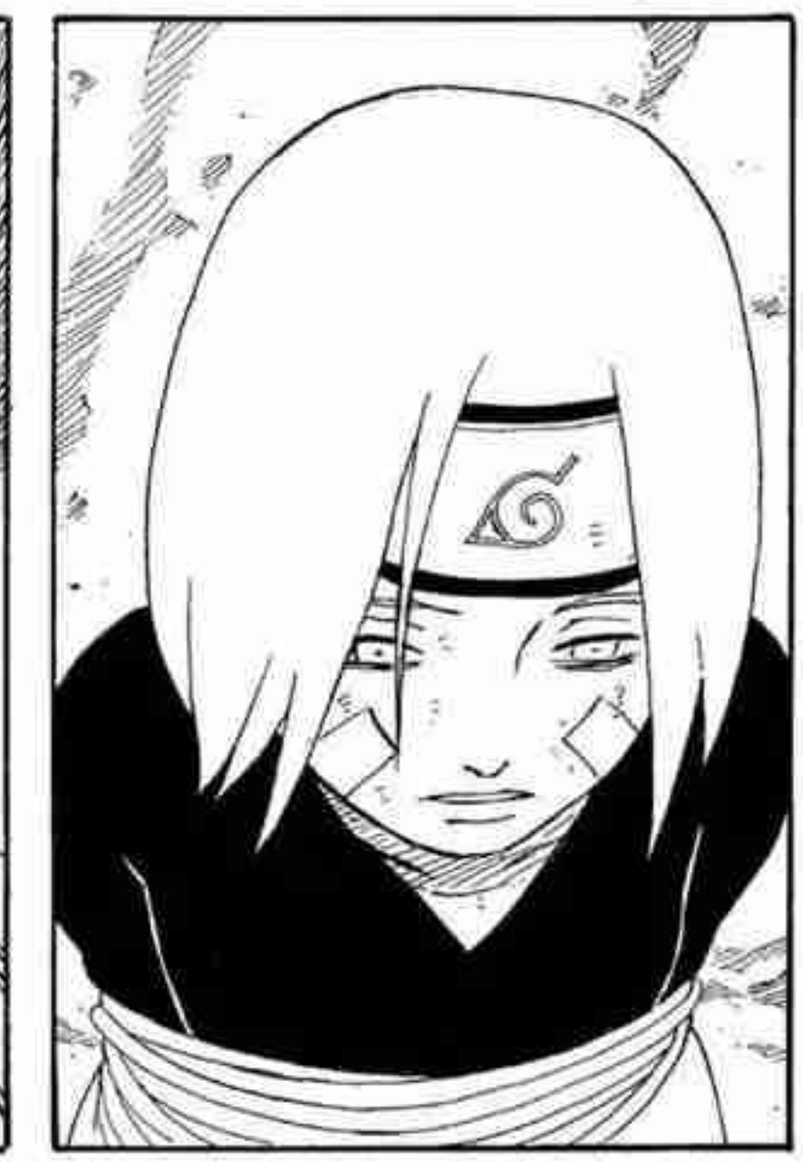
!

SHKK

AGH, THEY'RE ALL SO PATHETIC...
WSSH


SLRRR

SHARINGAN!!
GRRR



SHE'S UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF GENJUTSU.
THEY TRIED TO FORCE HER TO TALK.
RIN'S CHAKRA IS DISTURBED...
IT'S FLOWING IN PATTERNS DIFFERENT FROM OURS.

SHFF
SHFF
GOT-CHA!
WE FOUGHT EARLIER... HE'S QUICK.
GOTTA BE CARE-FUL.

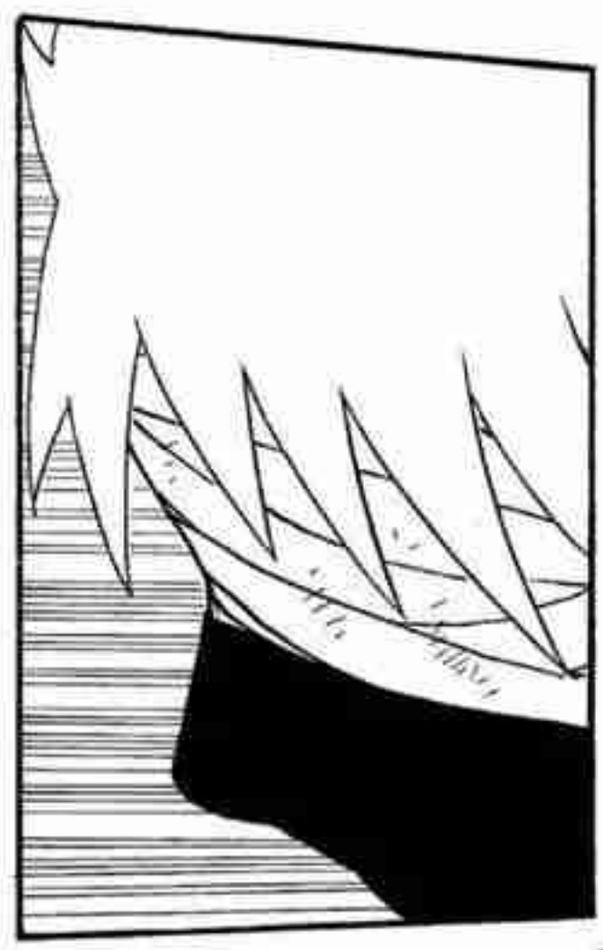
HMPH...
SOME KIDS...

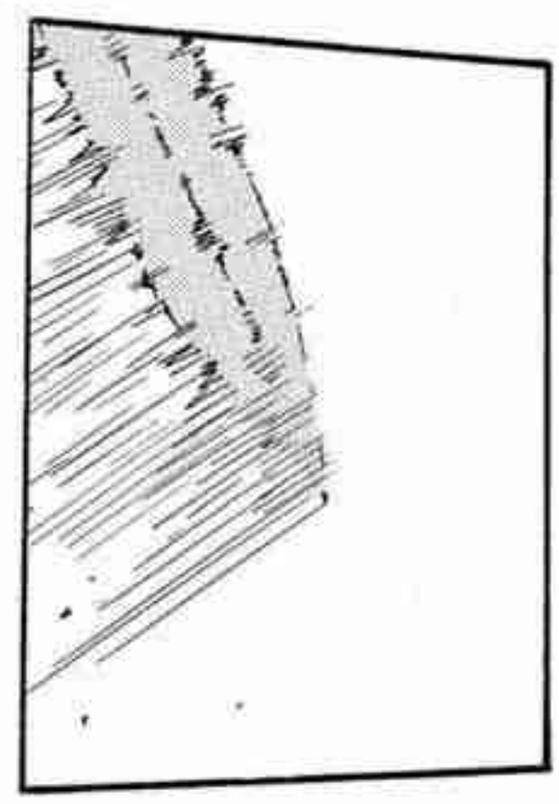
FSSH
FSSH
FWOOM
POW POW
BW
WSSH
OOH

DIE!!

WOOM!!

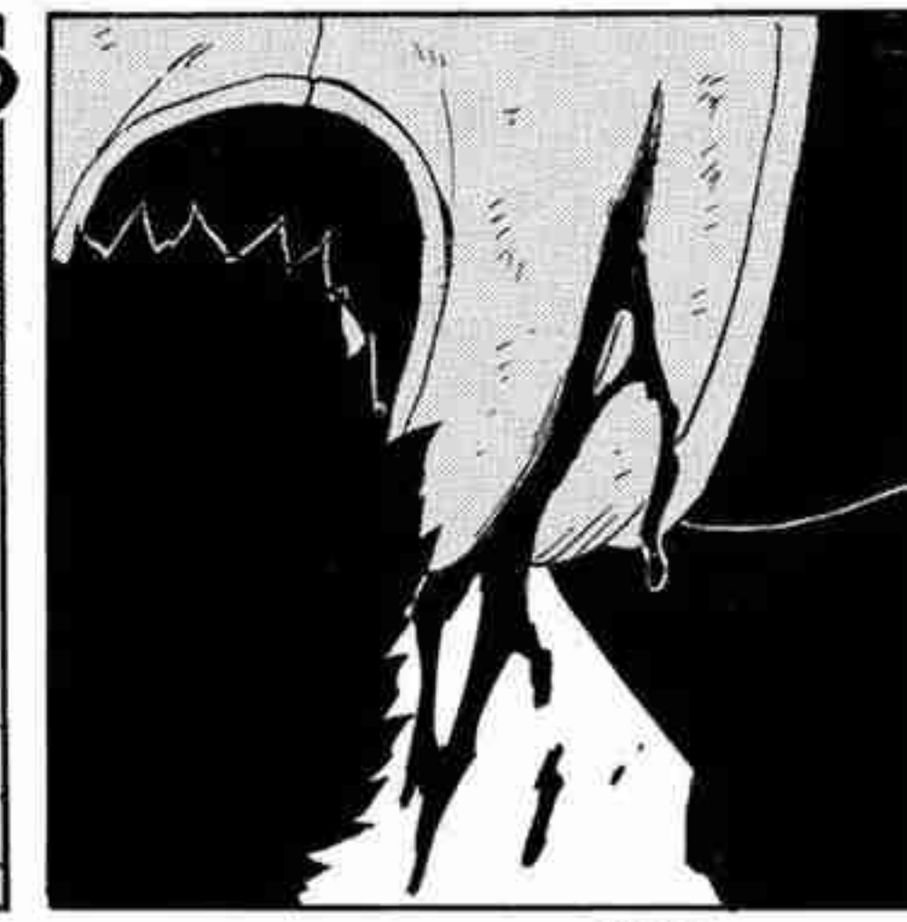
FWISH





PAM PAM-M

SHUNK



HUH
!

SHFF
KAI! RELEASE!!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE.
HUF
WE'VE COME TO RESCUE YOU, RIN! YOU'RE SAFE.

KAKASHI... OBITO...

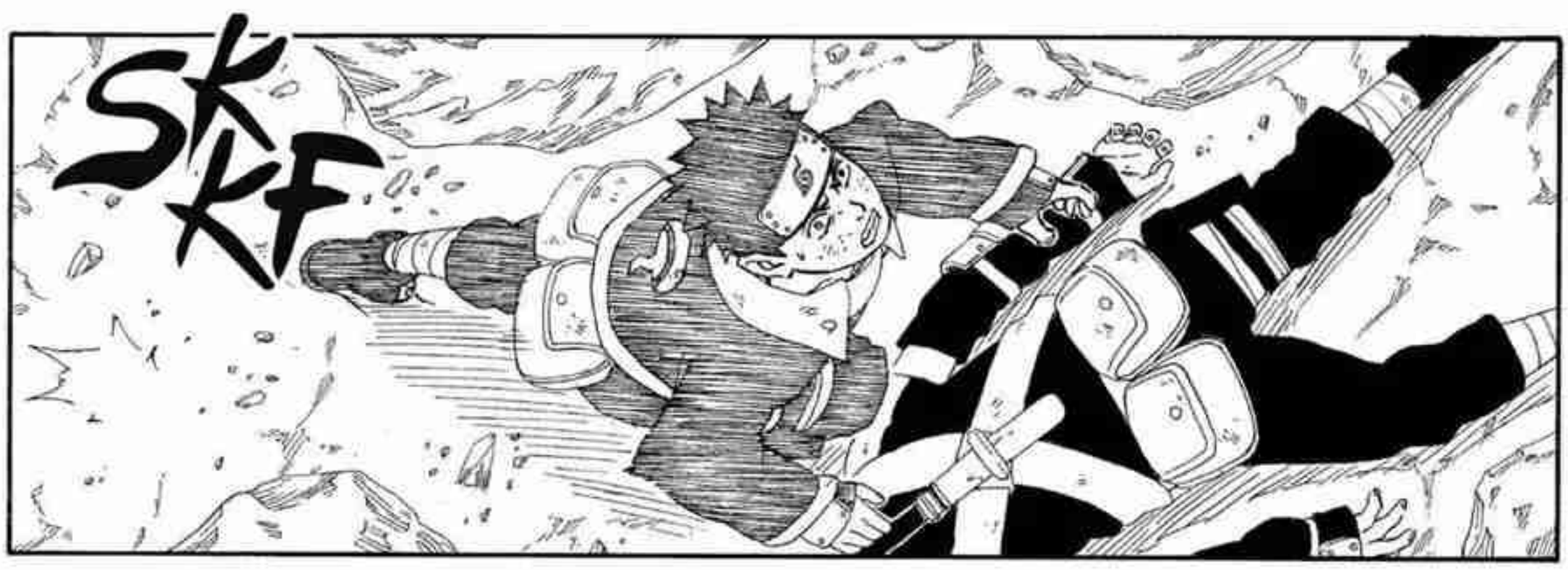
REMEMBER, YOU'RE STANDING IN THE PALM OF YOUR ENEMY NOW...
!!
HMPH... THAT WAS A PRETTY GOOD COMBO...
BUT YOU'RE STILL KIDS IN THE END.

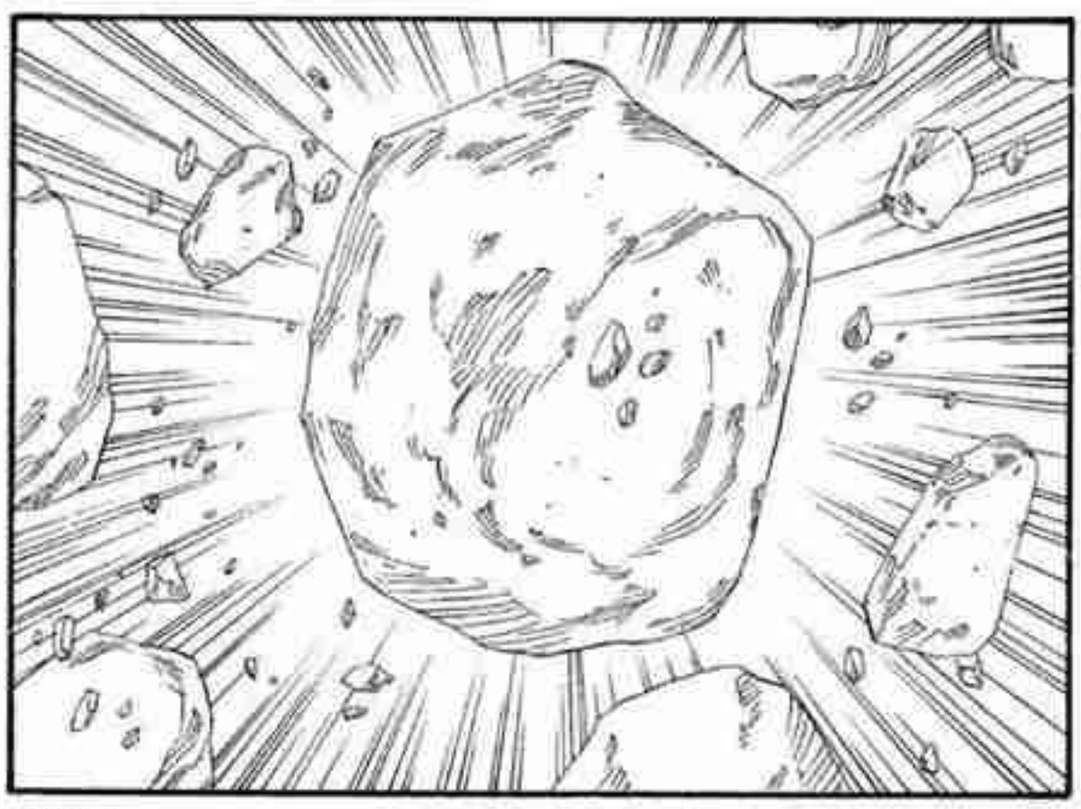
EARTH STYLE! IWAYADOKUZUSHI! ROCK BREAKER!!

BAM
FUMP
BAM
BAM
URG!
KAKA-
SHI!

SM
EK

MY
NEW
BLIND
SPOT...
URK...


SK
KF



FEEE
WEE

CHUD CHUD CHOK CHAK

OBITO!!

I... DON'T THINK I CAN MAKE IT.
DON'T... KAKASHI... IT'S OKAY.
MY RIGHT SIDE IS PRETTY MUCH GONE... I DON'T... I DON'T EVEN FEEL ANYTHING...

ARGH!
MMMG
SKFF

GUH...

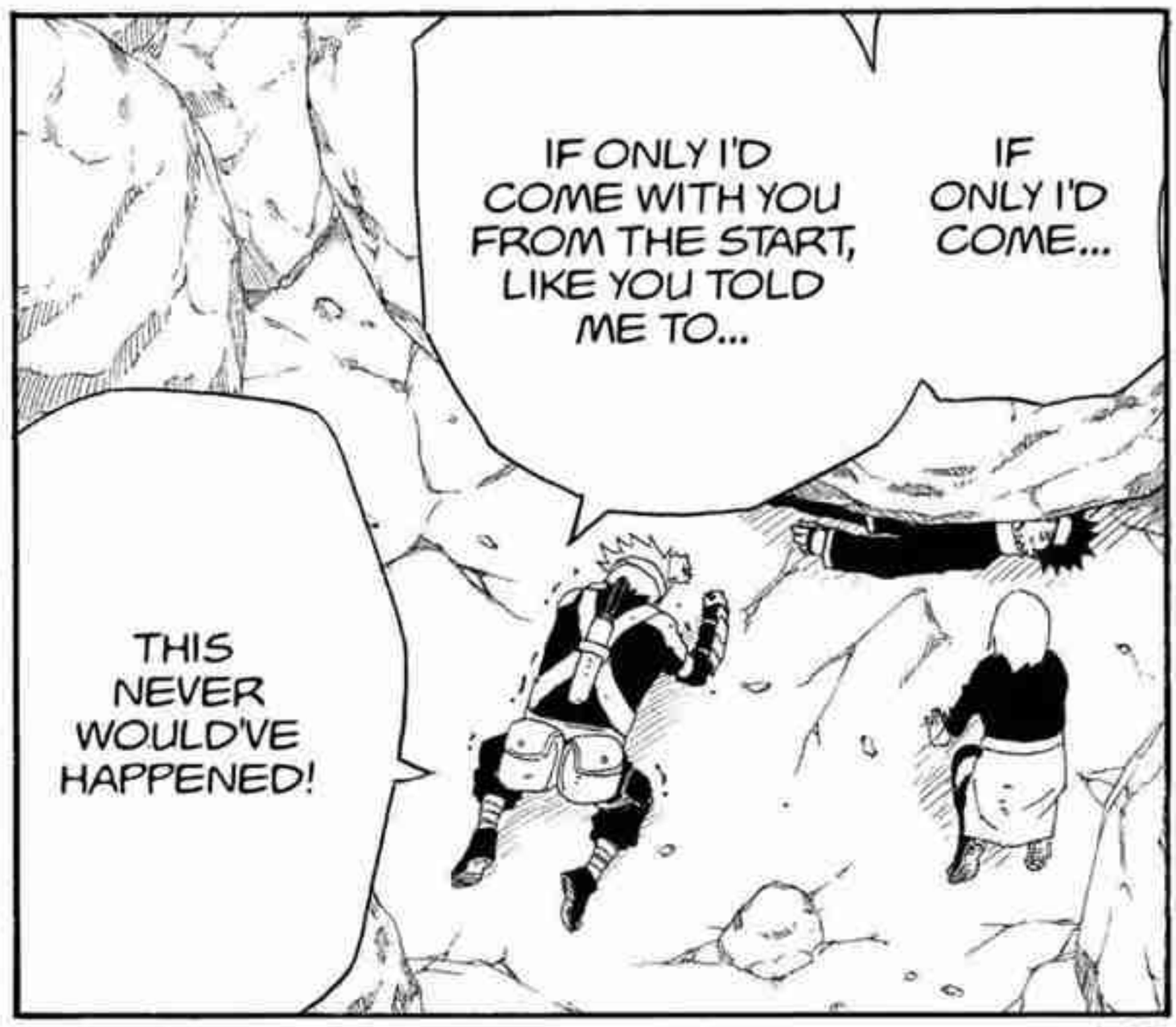
WHY...
NO...
NOT LIKE THIS...

...
HUF
HUF

PA MM
THIS CAN'T BE!

TISH TISH
OBITO!

...

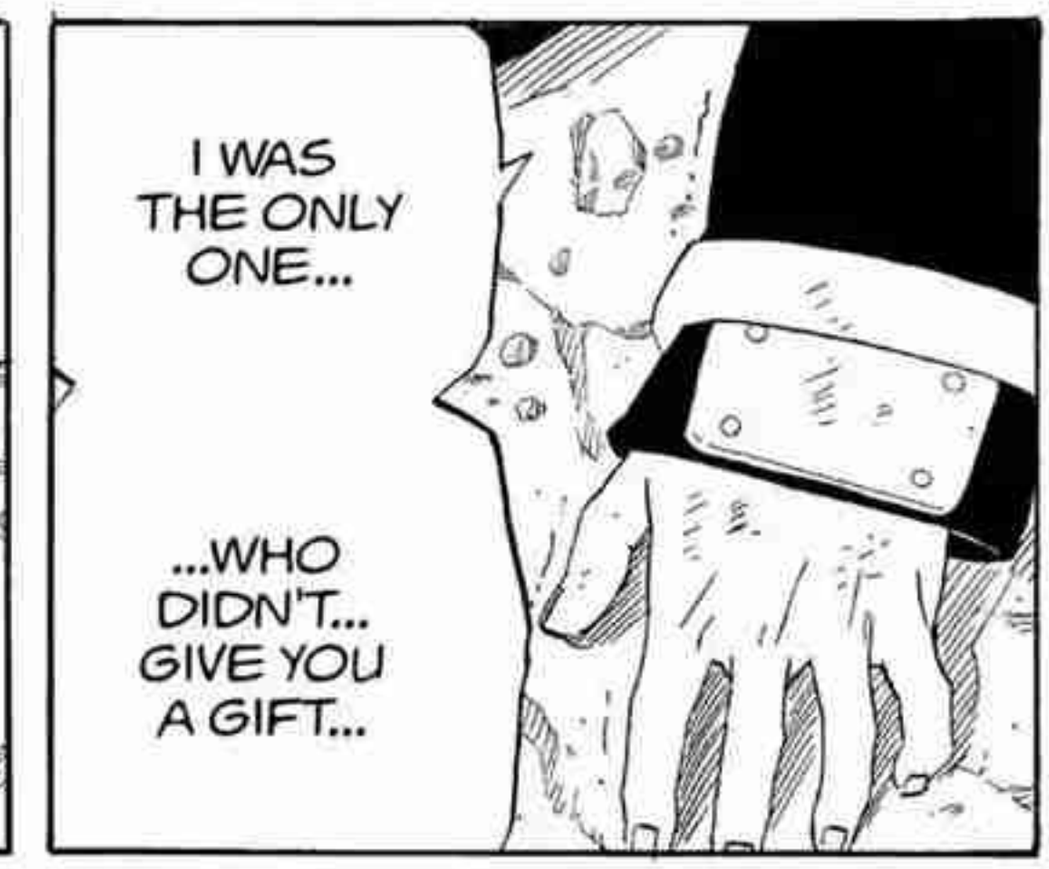

IF ONLY I'D COME WITH YOU FROM THE START, LIKE YOU TOLD ME TO...
IF ONLY I'D COME...
THIS NEVER WOULD'VE HAPPENED!

...?!

KAKASHI... I'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN...

SO WHAT I MADE JÔNIN...
SO WHAT I'M A CELL LEADER!

...


I WAS THE ONLY ONE...
...WHO DIDN'T... GIVE YOU A GIFT...

...

YOU... SEE...
IT WON'T BE USELESS...
I DIDN'T KNOW... WHAT WAS PROPER...
BUT... I DO NOW...

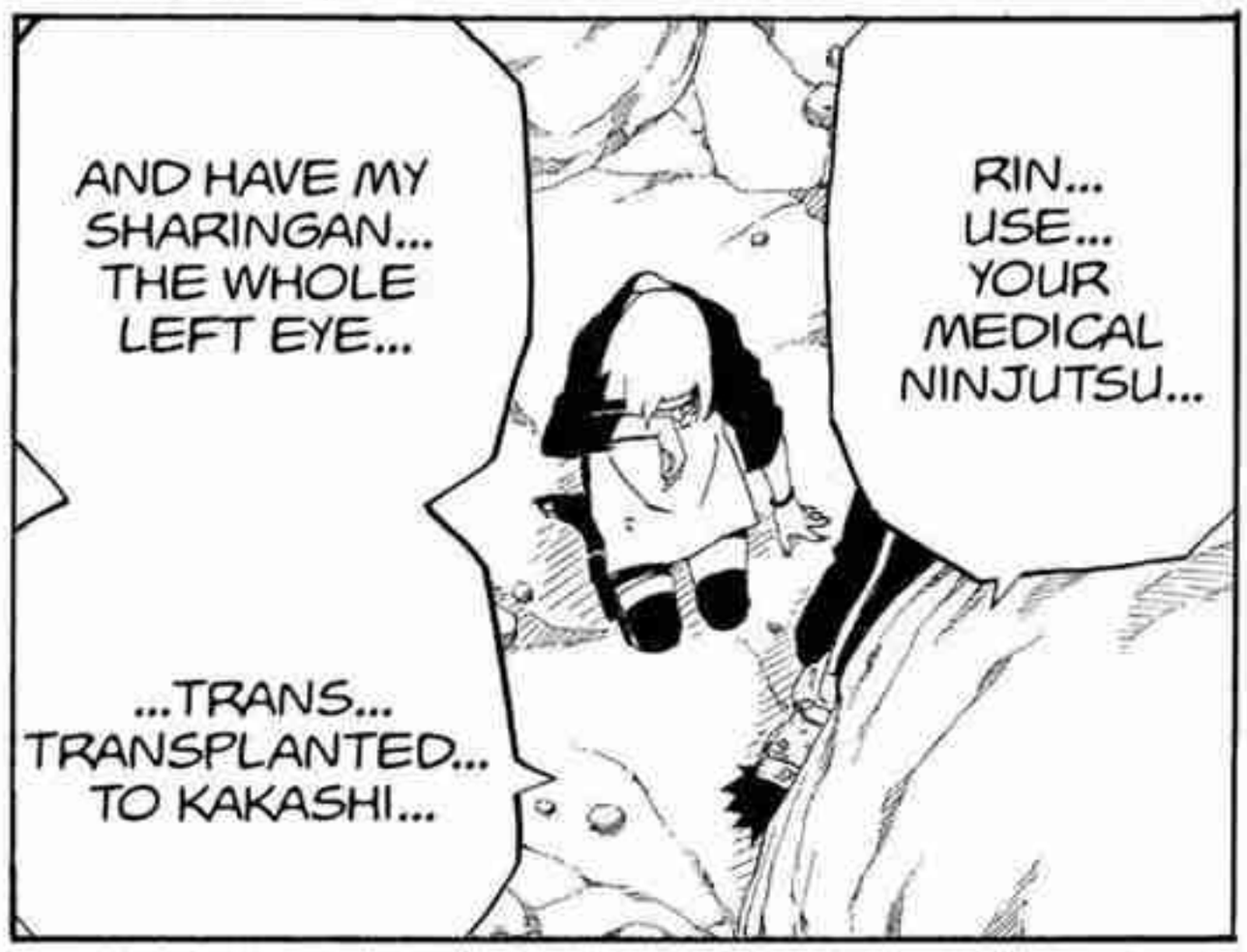
I'M... GIVING YOU MY... SHARINGAN.

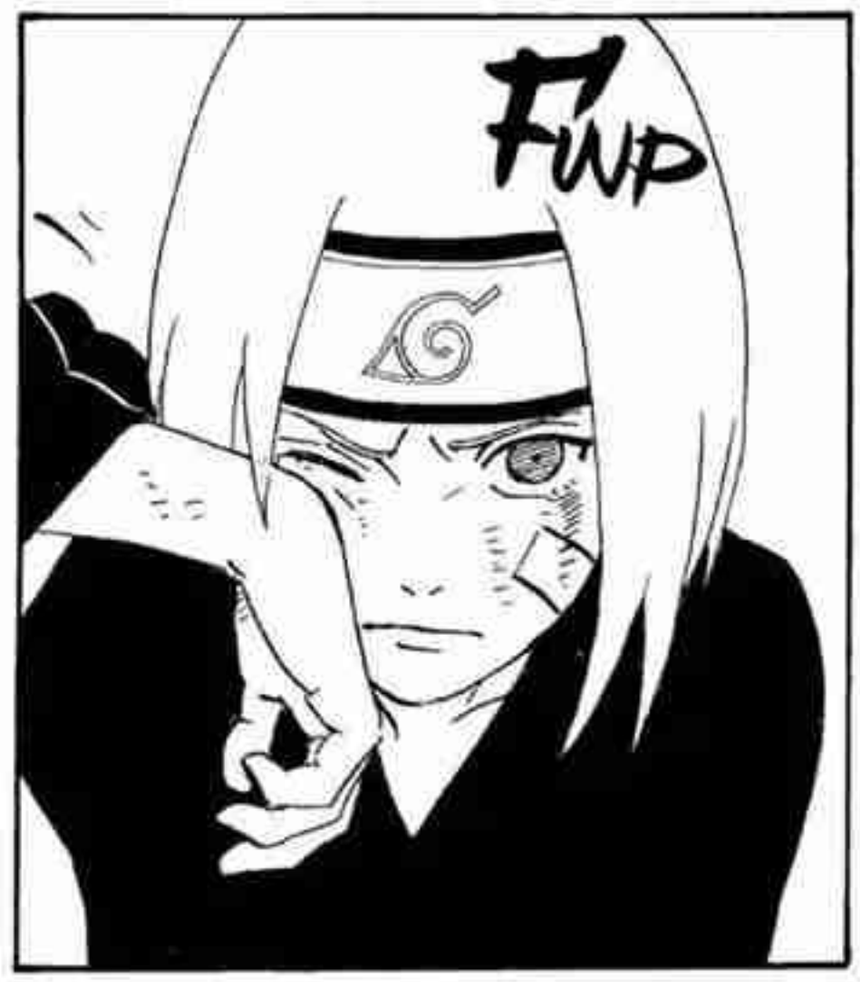
I WANT YOU... TO KNOW THAT...

PLEASE ACCEPT...

WHATEVER THE... THE VILLAGE... MAY SAY...

YOU ARE... A GREAT JÔNIN...

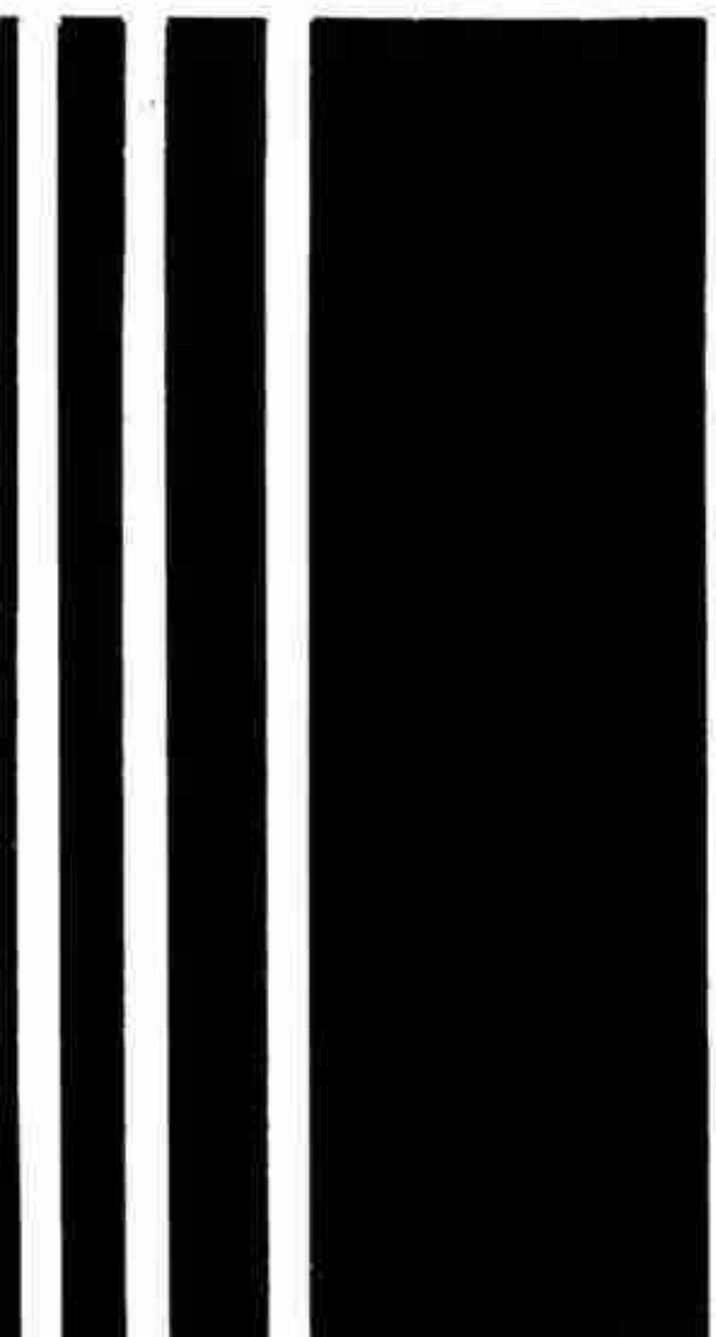

AND HAVE MY SHARINGAN... THE WHOLE LEFT EYE...
RIN... USE... YOUR MEDICAL NINJUTSU...
...TRANS... TRANSPLANTED... TO KAKASHI...


FWP

I'M ABOUT TO... DIE.

...

I'LL DO IT NOW!
KAKASHI, COME HERE.



...

AND WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS... IN THE FUTURE...
BUT I'LL... BECOME YOUR EYE...

CRMBL

!

BKW

AMM

?!!

SHINOBI DON'T CRY, YOU KNOW.

HA... YOU **ARE** JUST A KID.

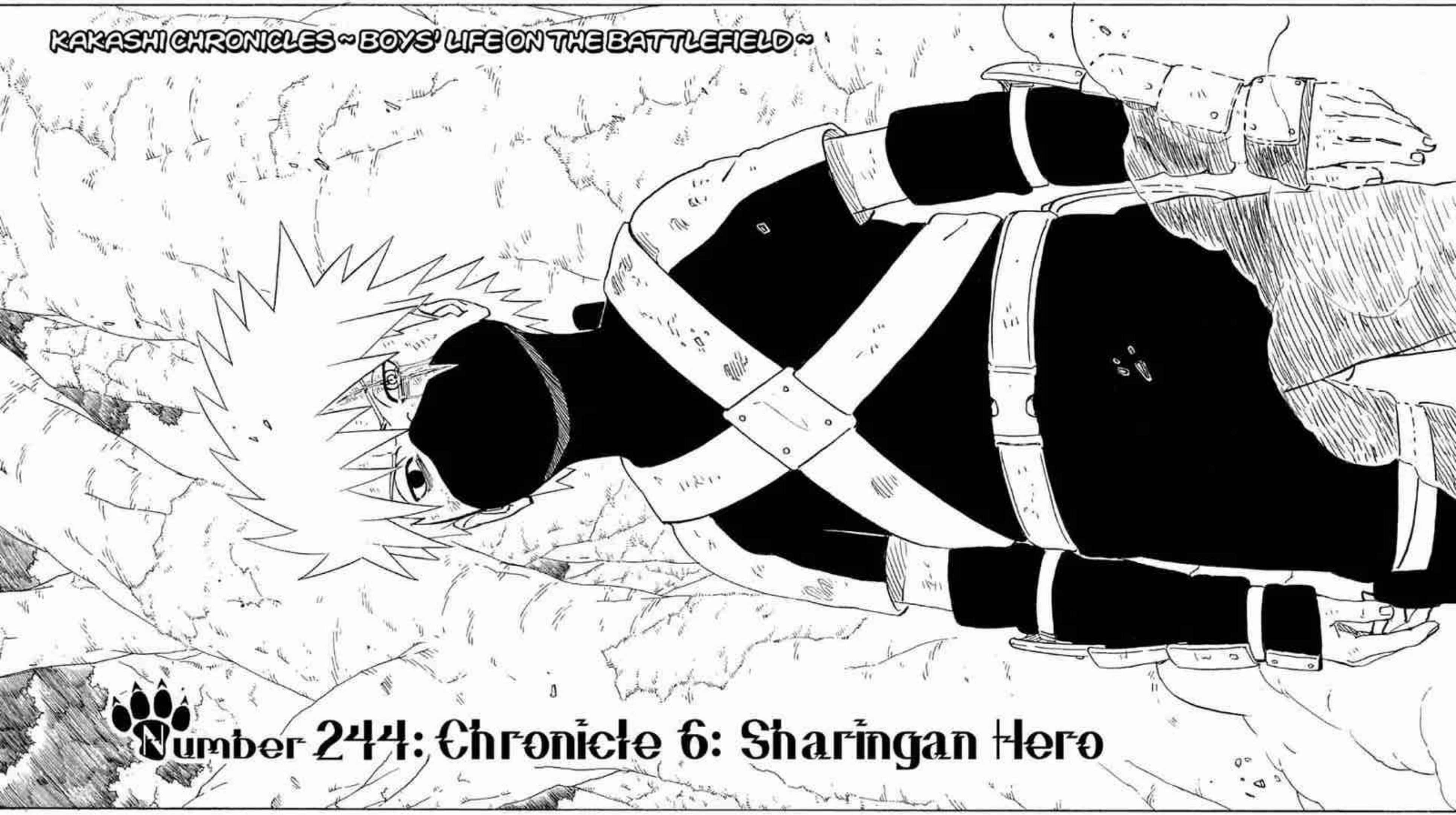
I'LL FINISH YOU OFF HERE AND NOW.

BRING IT ON, CRYBABY!

YOU STILL AROUND? OH JUST DIE ALREADY.

CRKK

NARUTO
TM



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WSST

KAKA-SHI...

THIS KID... HE'S DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE...

...!

DON'T WORRY...

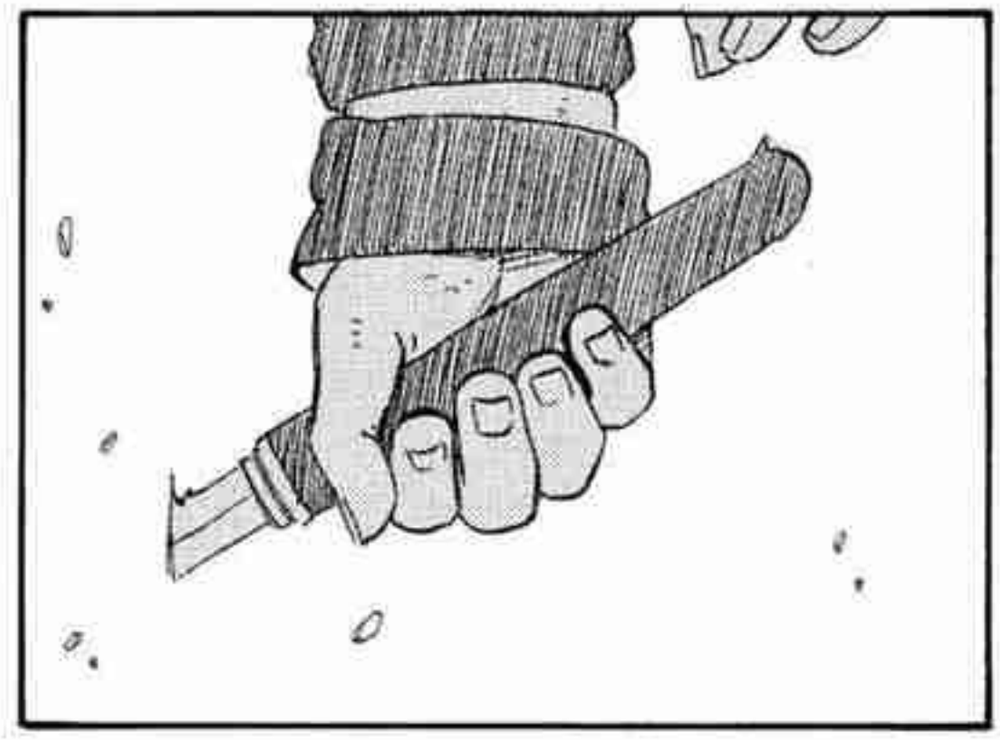
SHING

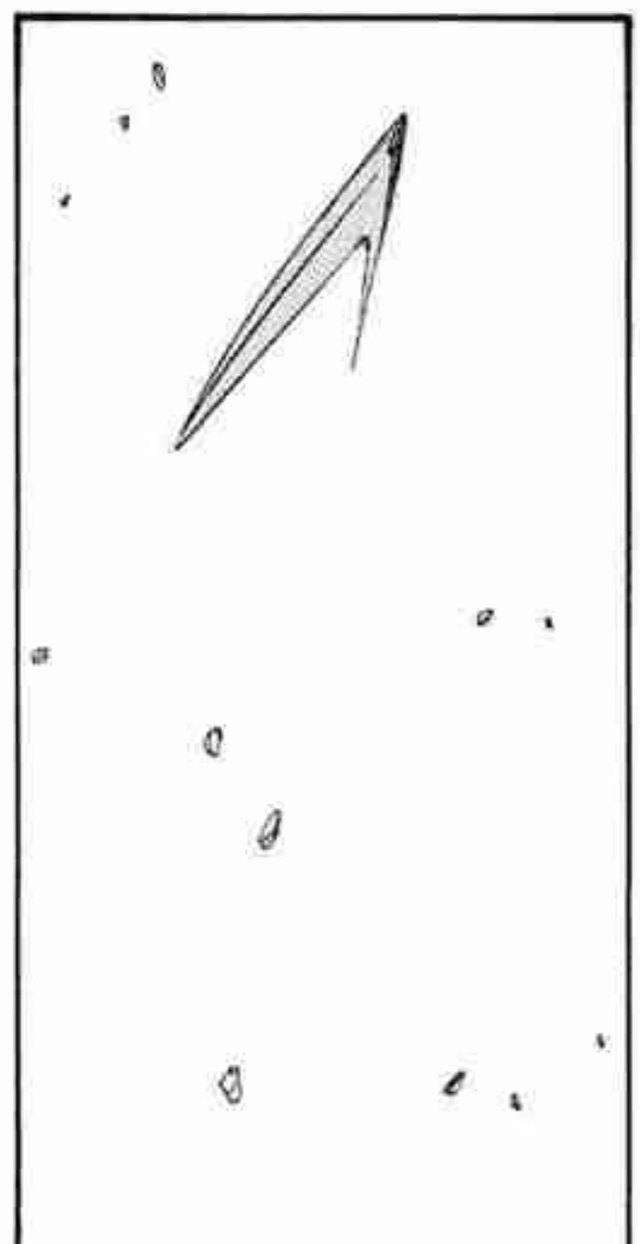
LOOK AFTER RIN... FOR ME...

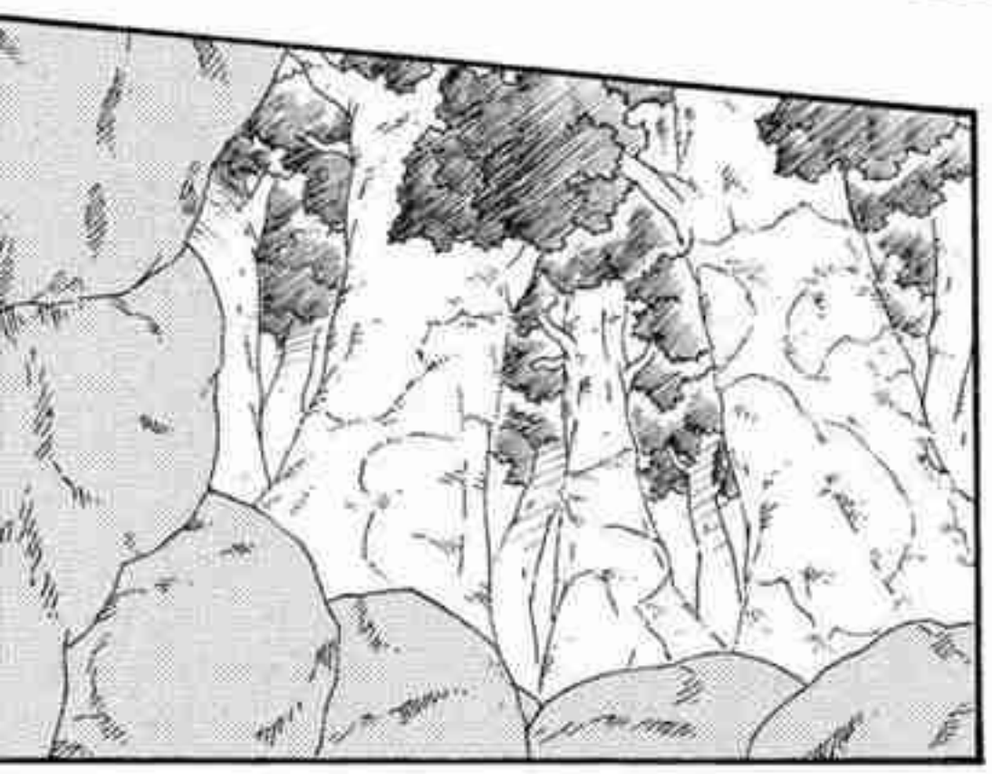
FWSSH

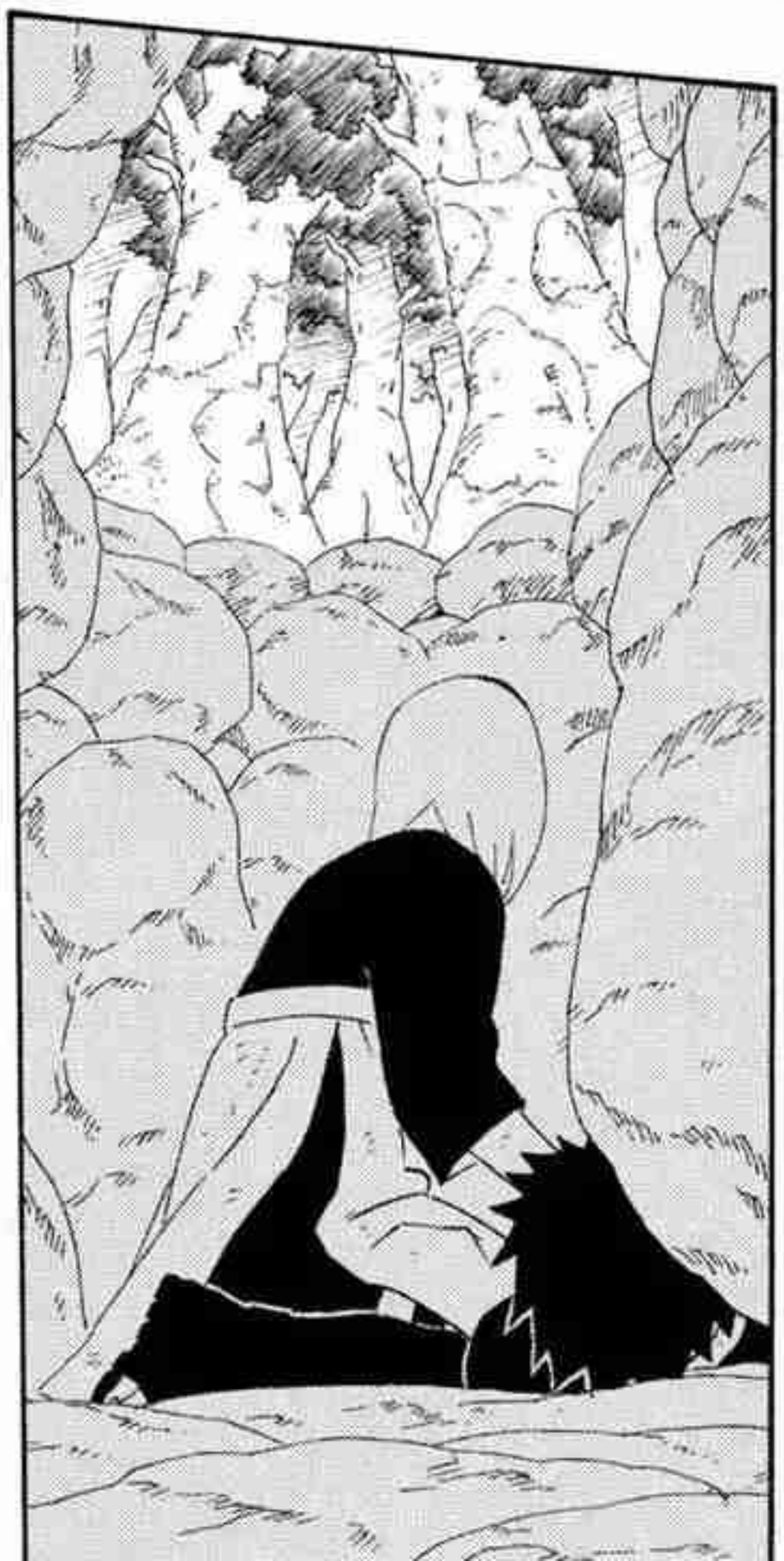
FWOO

SHAWNG









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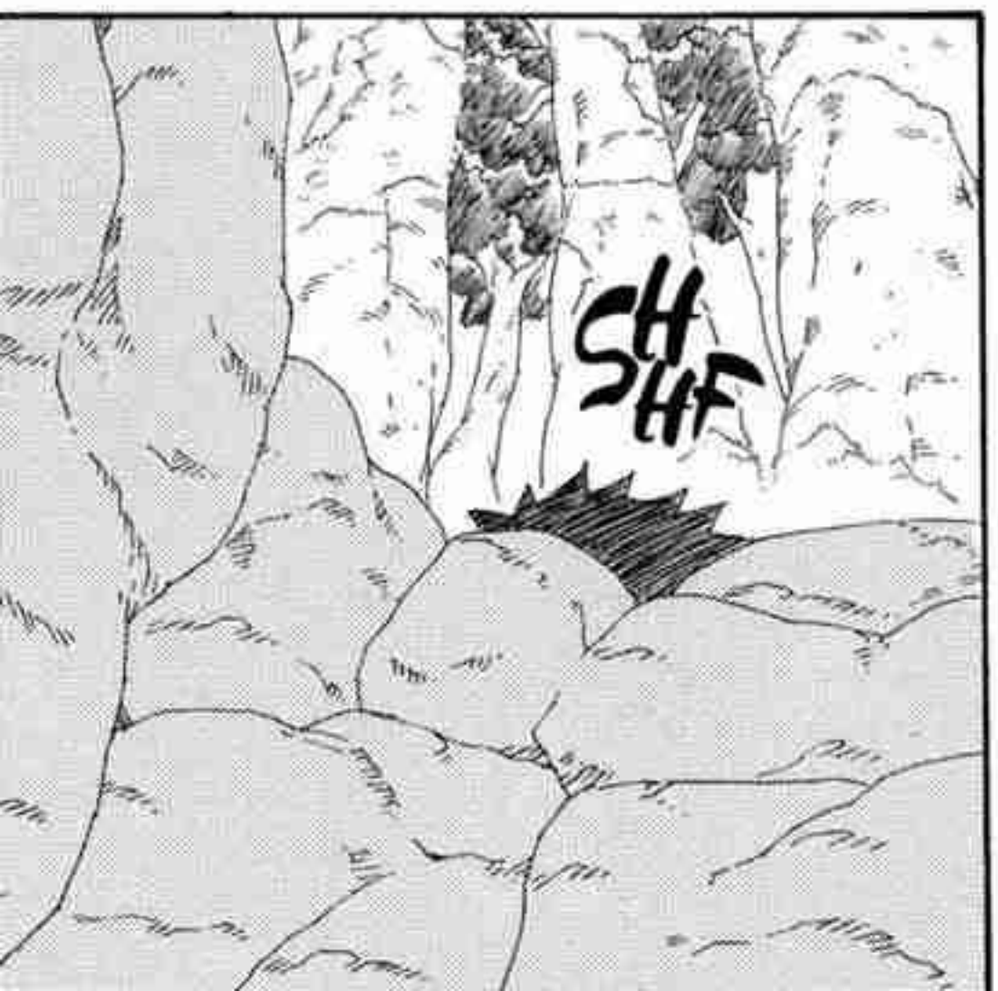

SH
HF

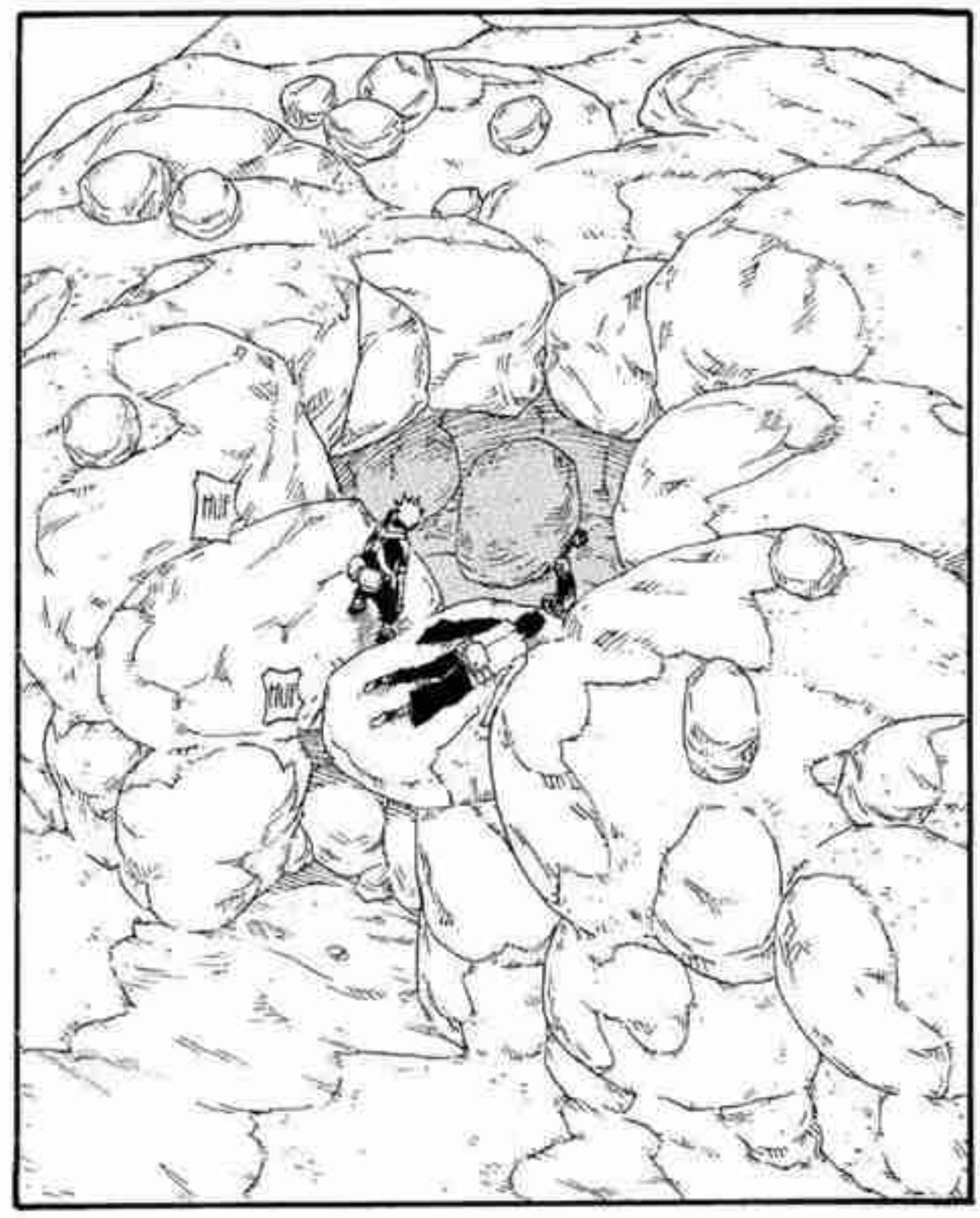
SHIN

DON'T... PANIC... RIN...

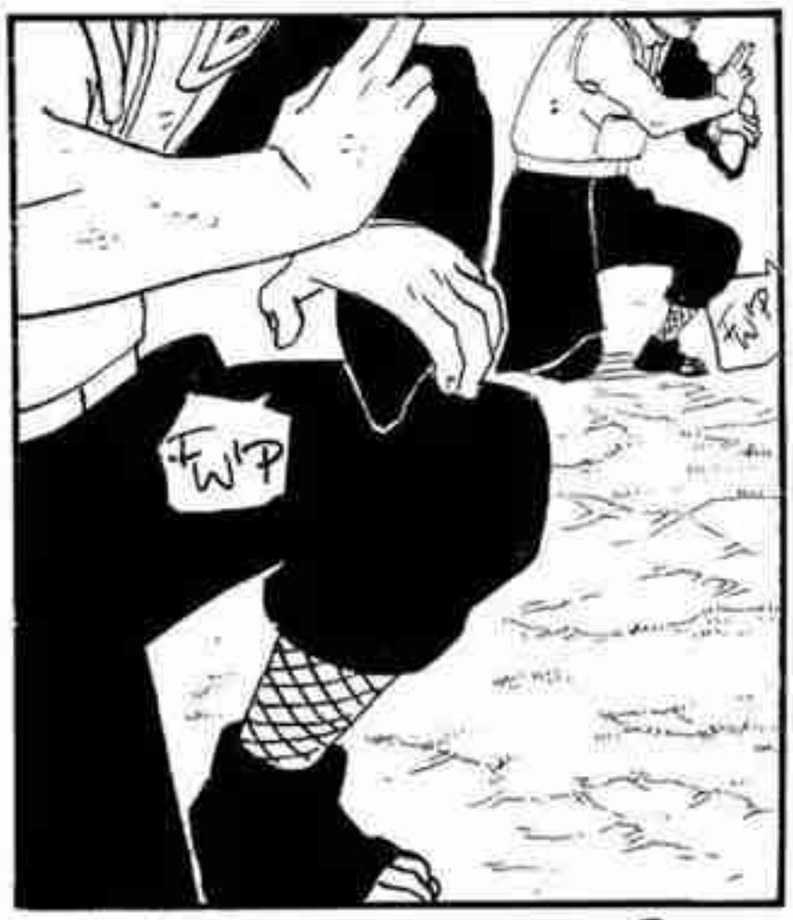
!!

HUF
THOPP
HUF

READ THIS WAY



EARTHQUAKE SLAM!!
SLAM


FWIP
FWIP

...!

KRAKRAKRAKK

!!

SKRNCH

?!

RIN! TAKE MY HAND, NOW!!

SHK

SHK

PAMM

...

RIN...

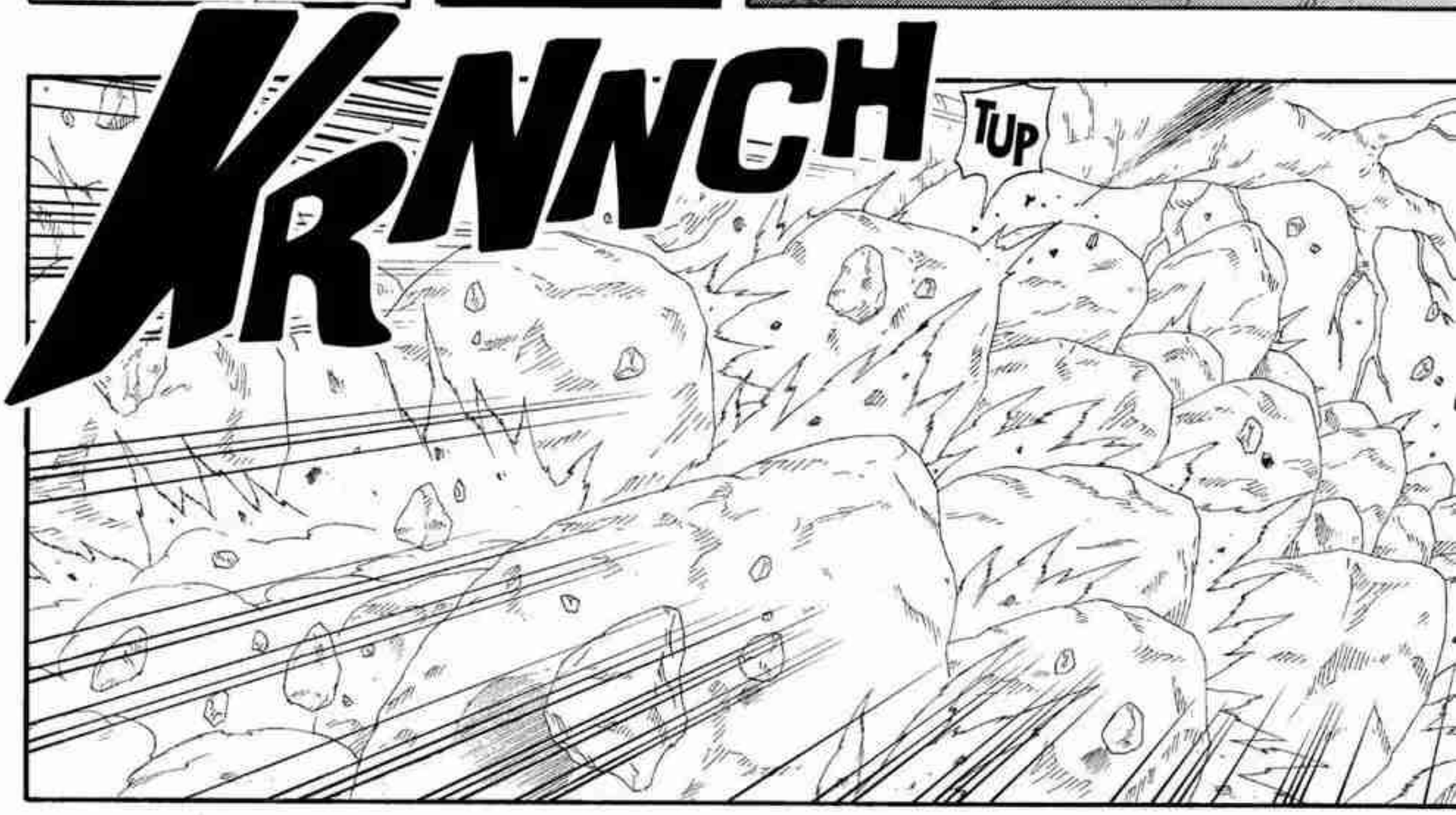
KRNK KRNK

KRNK

OBITO!!

SKRNCH

I WISH... WE COULD'VE GONE ON... TOGETHER... LONGER...



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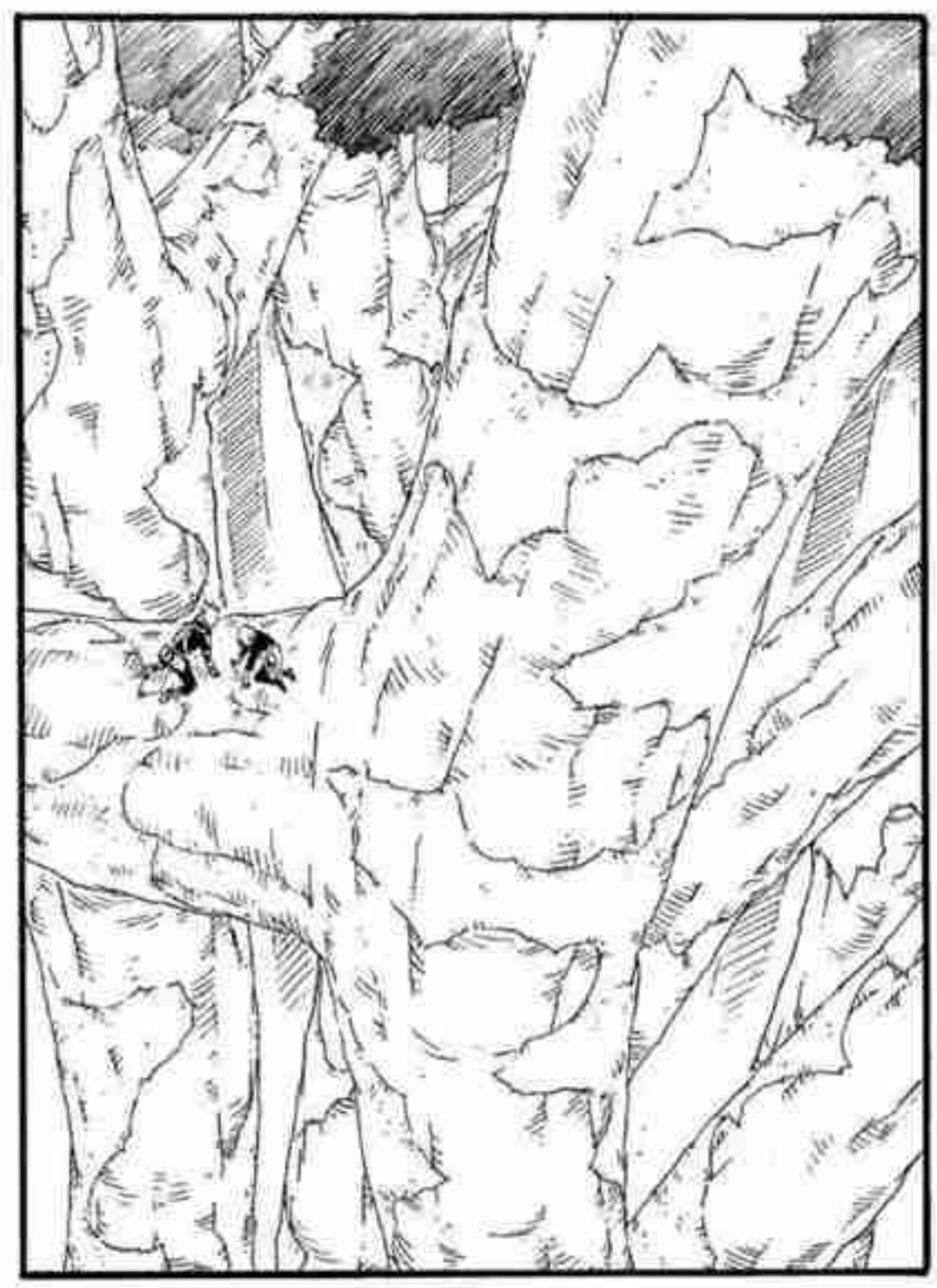
WAY



HUF
HUF

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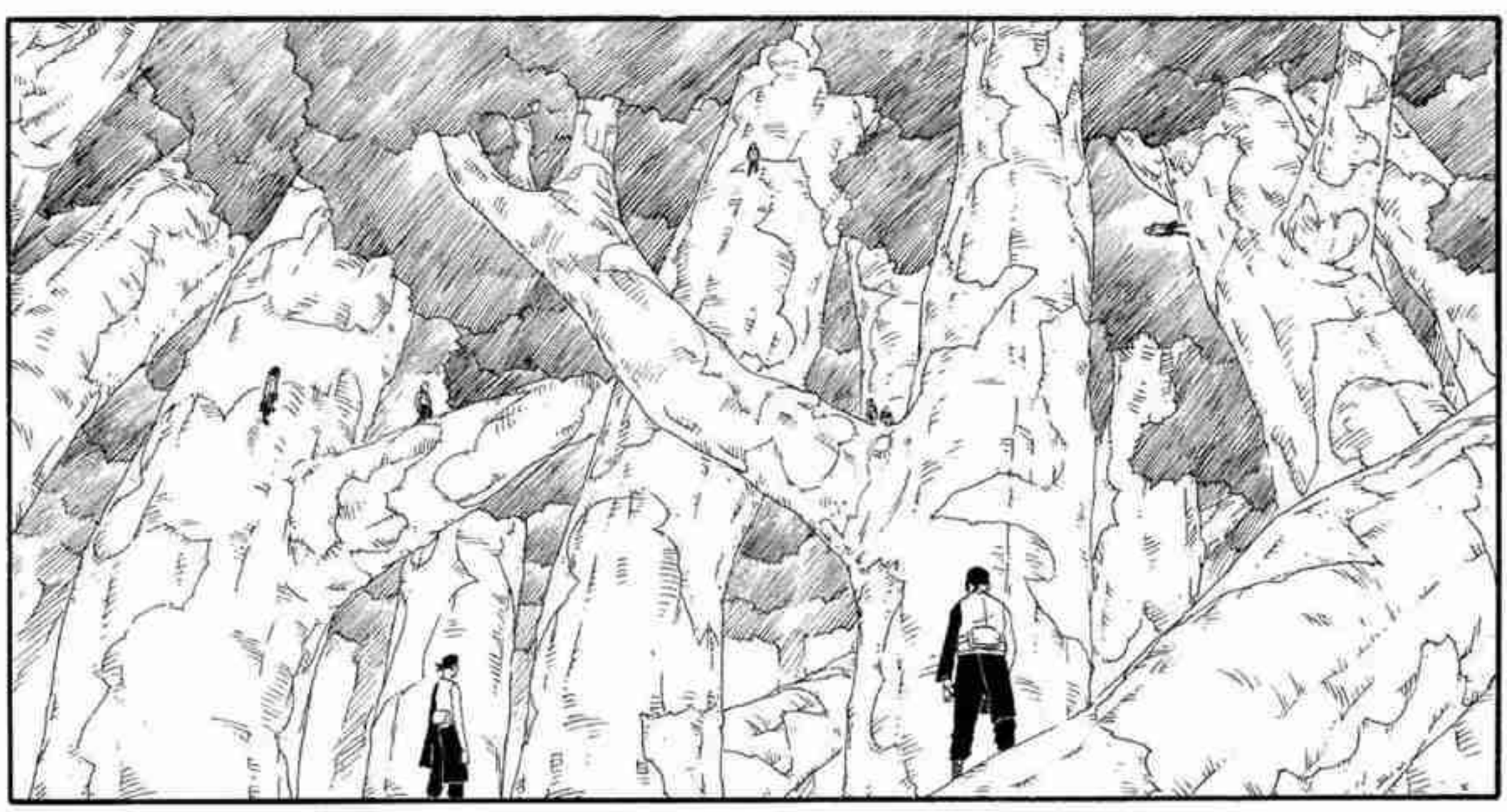
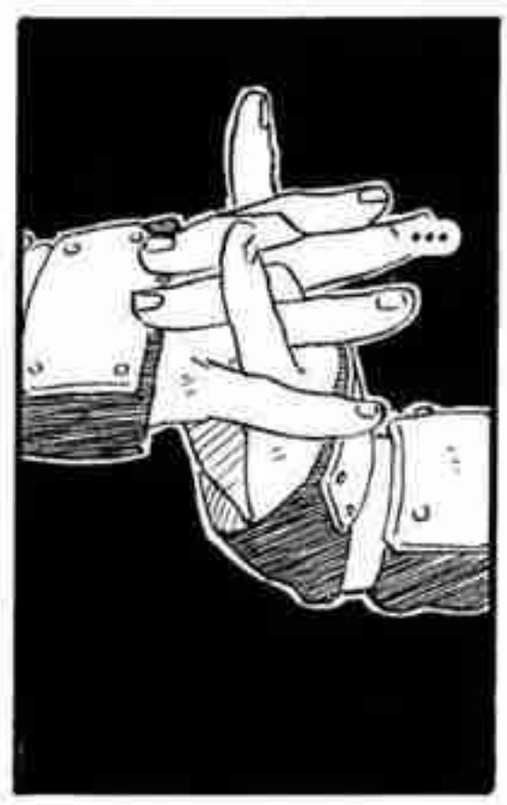


HUF
HUF
CRIPES...



CHIRP!

KRAL

KRA

NO WONDER HE COULD SNEAK SO DEEP INTO ENEMY TERRITORY...

HE'S GOT NERVE, THAT ONE.

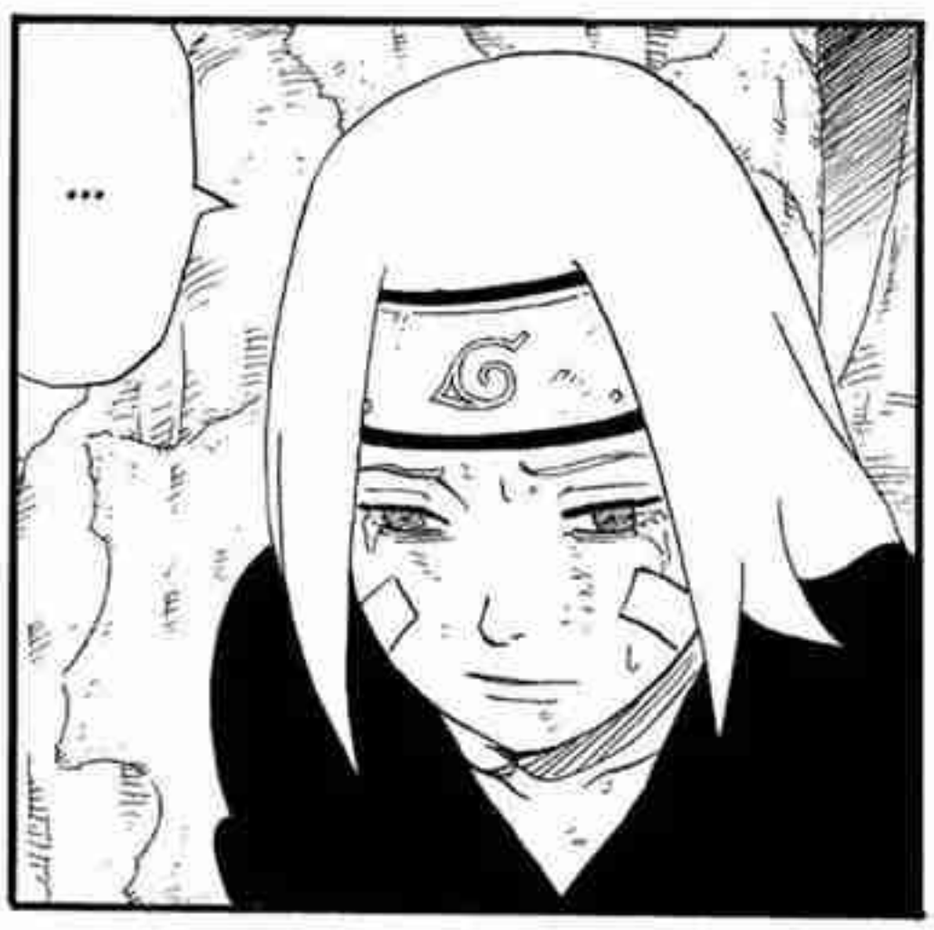
HE'S STILL WILLING TO FIGHT.

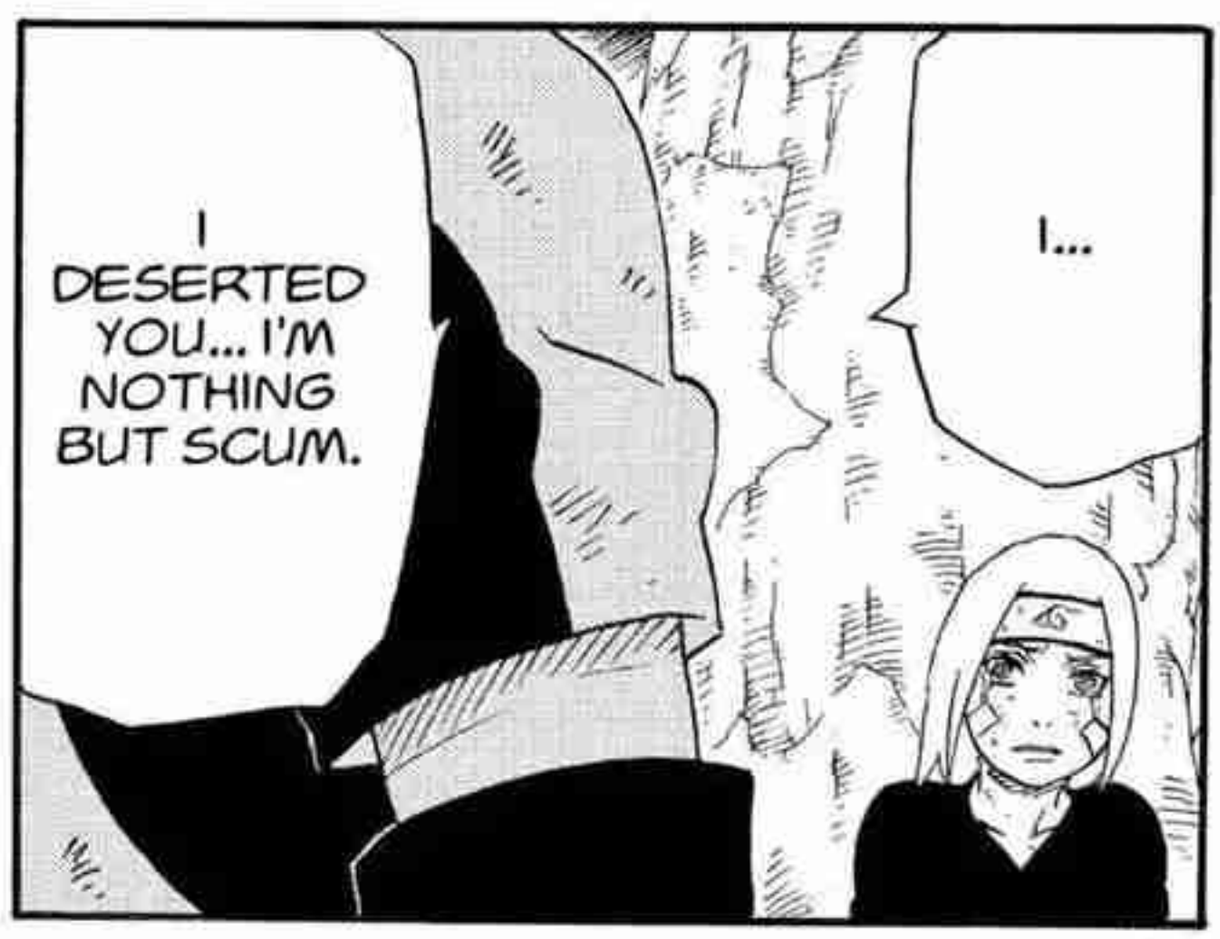
HE LOVED YOU...

YOU WERE HIS ONLY ONE...

RIN...

OBITO...





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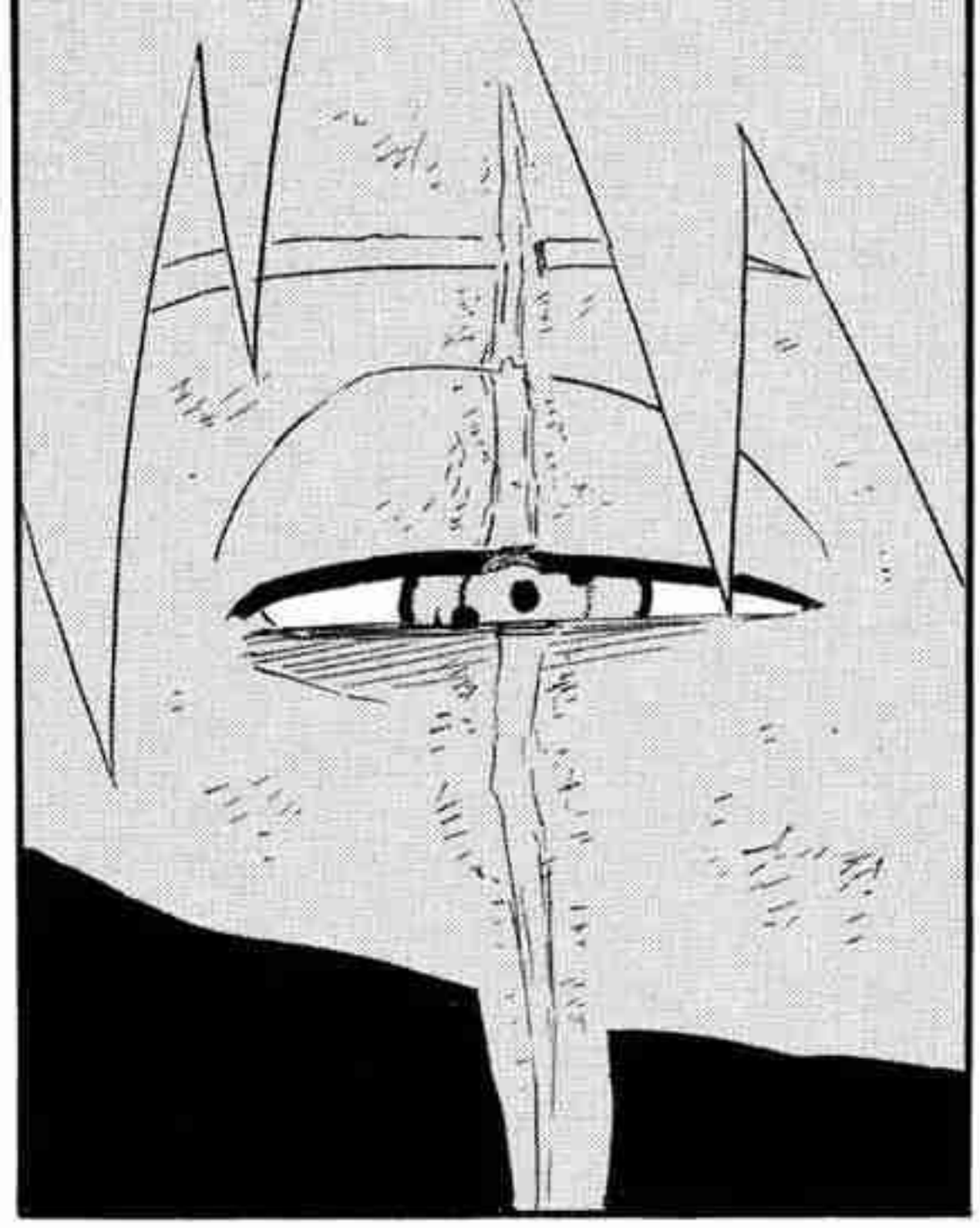
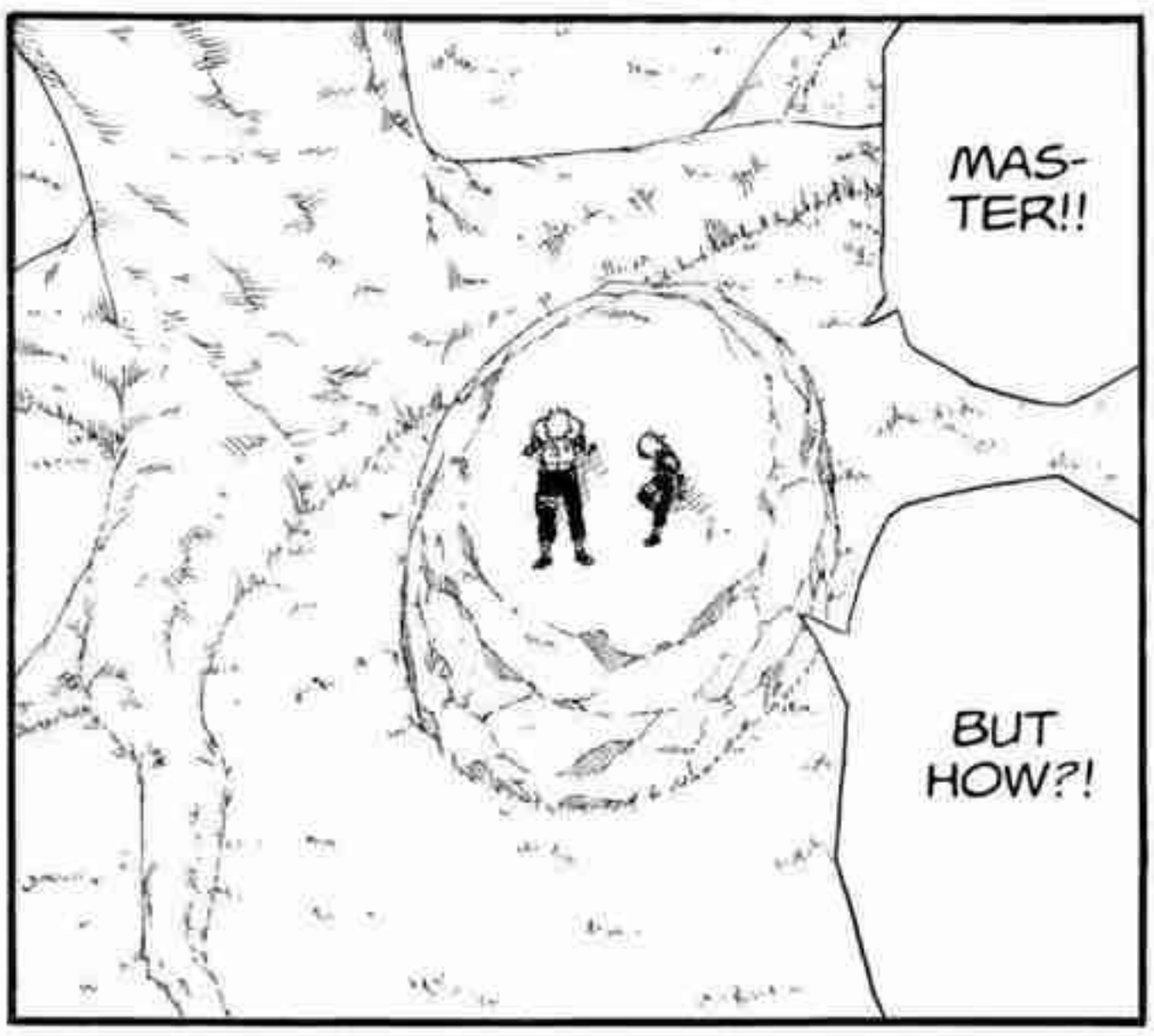
!

RIN! GO!!

AM I... DEAD?

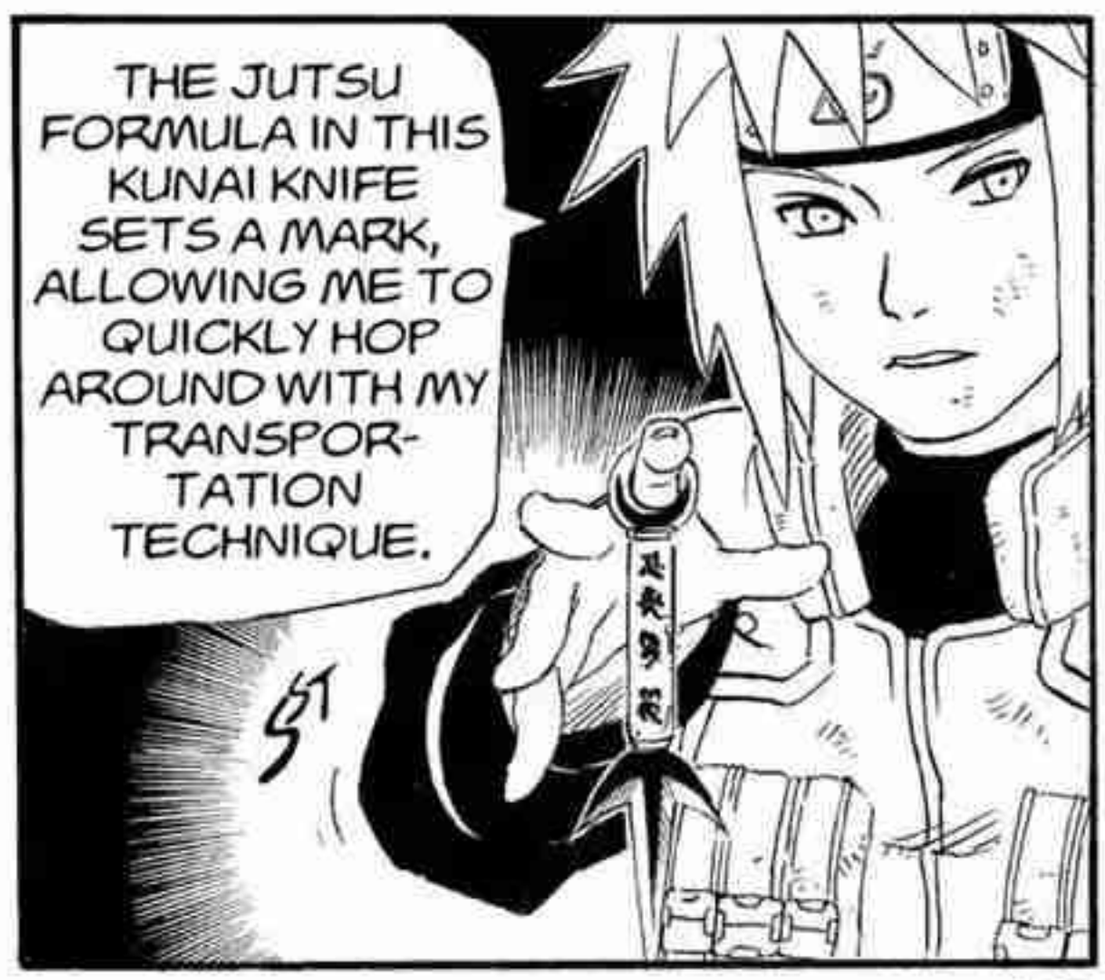
WHERE AM I?




MAS-TER!!
BUT HOW?!

HM... YOU'RE AWAKE...

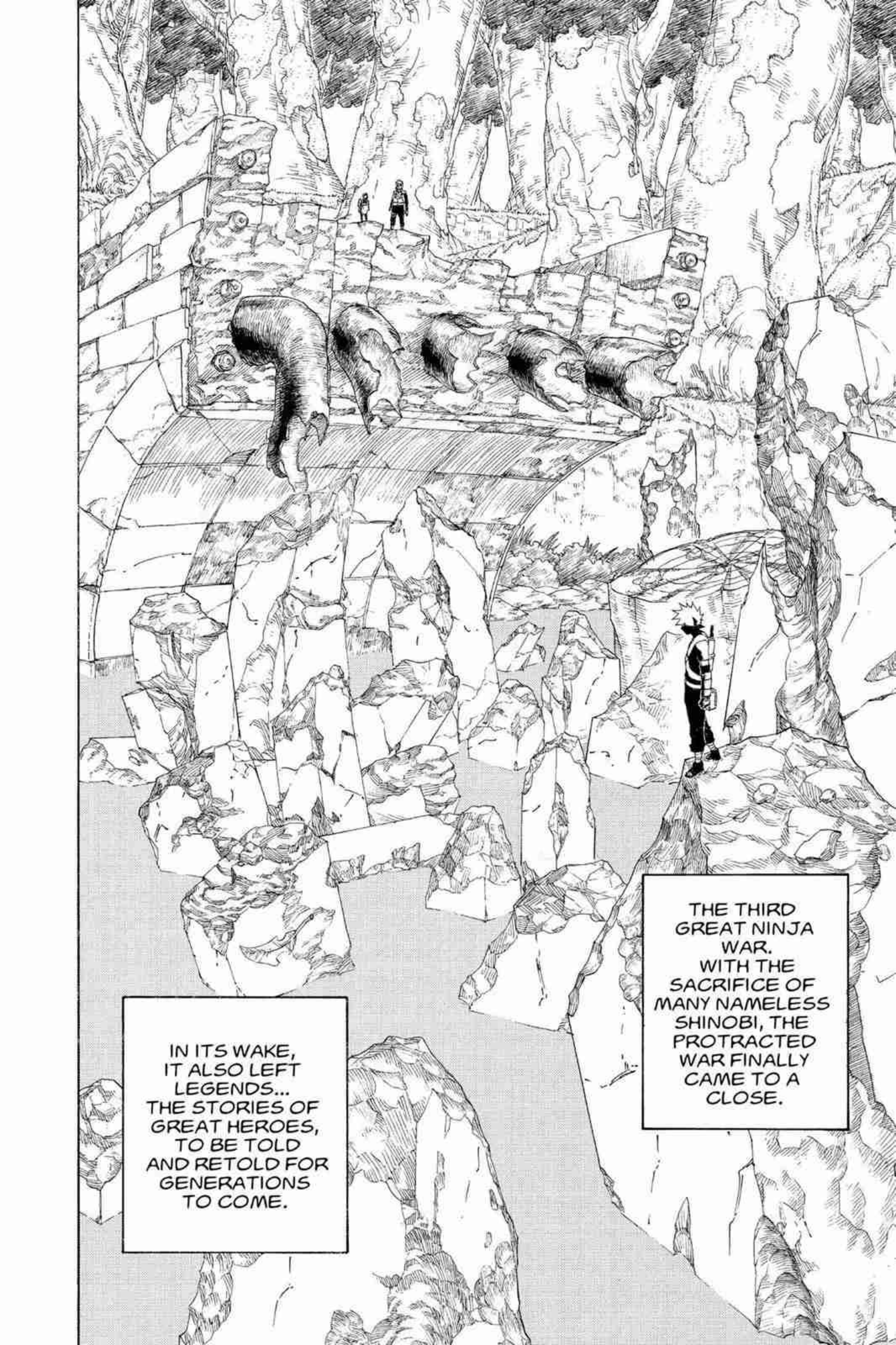
I DEALT WITH ALL OF THEM...
AND THE... ENEMY?


THE JUTSU FORMULA IN THIS KUNAI KNIFE SETS A MARK, ALLOWING ME TO QUICKLY HOP AROUND WITH MY TRANSPOR-TATION TECHNIQUE.

...
WHAT ABOUT RIN?!
WHERE IS SHE?!

!

RIN TOLD ME EVERYTHING...
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME, KAKASHI...


THE THIRD GREAT NINJA WAR. WITH THE SACRIFICE OF MANY NAMELESS SHINOBI, THE PROTRACTED WAR FINALLY CAME TO A CLOSE.
IN ITS WAKE, IT ALSO LEFT LEGENDS... THE STORIES OF GREAT HEROES, TO BE TOLD AND RETOLD FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

READ THIS WAY
THAT DAY, TWO HEROES WERE BORN IN KONOHA-GAKURE, EACH WITH HIS OWN SHARINGAN.
THE BATTLE OF KANNABI BRIDGE.
THE OTHER CAME TO BE KNOWN AS KAKASHI OF THE SHARINGAN. IN TIME, THE TALES OF HIS BRAVERY SPANNED ALL BORDERS, AND BEYOND.
ONE FOUND HIS NAME ENGRAVED ON THE MEMORIAL STONE...